

Sensory Friendly Performance Series

2018-2019

The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts is excited to announce our third season of Sensory Friendly Performance Series in Zilkha Hall. Over 700 children and their families have participated in 14 great performances over the last two seasons. This year we are excited to add METdance to the 2018-19 season. All performances will be free to schools and families who attend. For more information please contact Judi Stallings at judi@thehobbycenter.org.



Schoolhouse Rock Live! Presented by Main Street Theater

Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 10am and 7pm

The Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, science and politics through beloved songs as “Just a Bill”, “Nouns” and Conjunction Junction” returns! Join the cast of Main Street Theater for a fun interactive musical presentation.



Peter and the Wolf presented by WindSync

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 9:30am and 7pm

Inspired by storytelling, the program takes audiences on an imaginative, musical journey, which introduces five unique wind instruments, cultivates an appreciation for classical music, and develops new ways of listening. Complete with costumes and choreography, the program concludes with an interactive retelling of Peter and the Wolf by **Sergei Prokofiev**. Suddenly, the musicians in **WindSync** become the characters in the unforgettable and exciting classic tale!



's (a tale of possession) presented by Hope Stone Dance

Friday, March 8, 2019 at 9:30am and Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 2pm

This performance addresses the topic of possession, ownership and protection, and asks the question “who owns what?” The musical score ranges from Klezmer to David Byrne to the sounds of grocery store self-checkout machines. The spectacular set for the show is a wall of 3,000 empty shoeboxes, collected by local middle and high school students and built onstage at the theater.



Moving Myths presented by METdance

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 9:30am and 7pm

Moving Myths is an entertaining and educational adventure featuring captivating legends from around the world in a magical interlude of storytelling. Telling tales beside a campfire, four travelers teach us about the importance of honoring our unique cultures while sharing and celebrating them together. Join us for this interactive performance!

What makes a performance sensory-friendly?

Sensory-friendly performances are designed to create a welcoming and supportive environment for families with members on the autism spectrum and others with sensory sensitivities. Accommodations are made to allow for a more relaxed and comfortable experience.

House rules are relaxed and include accommodations such as:

- The theater will not be filled to capacity, providing extra space
- Patrons will be allowed to get up, move around and leave at any time
- iPads and other electronics for therapeutic use are allowed
- House lights will remain on at low level during performance
- Sudden loud sounds or startling moments will be signaled in advance
- Entering and exiting the theater will be allowed throughout the performance
- Quiet and activity areas are provided in the lobby
- Lobby monitor to allows patrons to continue watching the performance
- Trained volunteers on hand to assist with patron needs and requests
- Social Story and other materials provided as preparation for a visit to the theater

Tickets for all sensory-friendly performances are free and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about sensory-friendly performances at the Hobby Center, contact Judi Stallings at judi@thehobbycenter.org or by calling 713-315-2412

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