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**SCHOOL
FIELD TRIPS
2024-2025**



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At the Fredericton Playhouse, we know that learning can happen outside of the classroom, and we believe there is value in visiting the theatre at a young age. That's why each year we host a series of matinée performances designed for students of all age groups to experience the magic of live performance.

This year, we have six dynamic shows to offer schools in a variety of genres including theatre, acrobatics, puppetry, and live science experiments!

Teach outside the classroom by bringing your students to see a performance at the Fredericton Playhouse. Study guide activities are available for most shows, allowing you to connect the students' experience to the curriculum.

HOW TO BOOK A school field trip

Visit our website to fill out the online booking and grant application form and reserve your spot at a performance: <https://bit.ly/3hFpBw1>

Grants for general assistance and bus subsidies are available through the online booking form; see below for information about each available grant.

Please note: there is no deadline to book a school field trip, but space fills up quickly; grant applications are due by Sunday, September 15th for Momentum of Isolation and Returns Department and Sunday, November 10th for all other shows.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE grant

General assistance grants cover the cost of student admissions. Each year, the Playhouse awards 1000+ student admissions in the Anglophone West School District through this grant. Each school can apply for up to 200 students.

All applications will be reviewed by a committee and awarded based on (1) financial need, (2) history of participation; and (3) benefit to students and schools.

Early application deadline (Momentum of Isolation, Returns Department): Sunday, September 15th

Application deadline (all other shows): Sunday, November 10th

TRANSPORTATION subsidy

Decrease your transportation costs by applying for a transportation subsidy. Schools attending one or more of the performances presented by Fredericton Playhouse may be reimbursed for transportation up to \$100.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

RADICAL SYSTEM ART

Momentum of Isolation

🕒 45 mins | Middle-High School (ages 12+)

💰 \$8 per student

Dance/Theatre: Radical System Art presents an impactful dance-theatre piece which fuses contemporary and urban dance, martial arts, and theatre. This performance explores timely themes of digital existences, shifting values, and social isolation, reminding viewers of the importance of human connection and the perils of lives spent online. Live interactive video and sound enhance the exploration of how technology can both amplify and disempower us.

The show juxtaposes the isolated role of Artistic Director Shay Kuebler with the dynamic

performances of younger ensemble dancers, highlighting generational contrasts. Inspired by the UK's "minister of loneliness" initiative, this production has grown even more relevant since its inception in 2018. Radical System Art, established in 2014, combines physical theatre with interactive technology to create powerful performances that tell universal stories through movement, sound, and imagery.

For a cautionary tale presented in a mesmerizing fashion, be sure to catch 'Momentum of Isolation'.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024 | 10 A.M. & 12 NOON

RETURNS DEPARTMENT

The Kif-Kif Sisters

🕒 55 minutes | Early Grades (ages 4-11)

💰 \$8 per student

Clowning/Physical Theatre: Welcome to the Returns Department, where family-friendly slapstick comedy meets world-class puppetry. The Kif-Kif sisters, identical twins from Montreal, inspect an ever-revolving conveyor belt of broken goods, trying their best not to play with them. What could go wrong?

This performance combines physical theatre, circus, robotics, and puppetry, drawing humor from Chaplin and comic strips. As they navigate defective products, the characters find freedom to express creativity, invent, and evolve.

Since 2007, the Kif-Kif Sisters have created shows that are both tender and intelligent, appealing to children and adults alike. Their creative approach involves play, the unusual, and repurposing everyday objects. At the Returns Department, they reclaim a world where everything has been preconceived for us, encouraging spectators of all ages to remember that the human precedes the object, and that the world can be viewed as a great big toybox.





FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025 | 10 A.M.

SNAFU SOCIETY OF UNEXPECTED SPECTACLES

The Baby Tyler Show

 **60 mins | Early Grades (ages 6-12)**

 **\$8 per student**

Puppetry/Multimedia: It's tough being small when the world is so big! Baby Tyler comes to life in this absurd and hilarious show from Jim Henson Company puppeteer Ingrid Hansen. Using only household objects, a camera, and her bare hands, Hansen creates a live puppet film before your very eyes, delivering a child-friendly show jam-packed with physical comedy.

Follow the life of Baby Tyler as he goes through his normal daily routines (in extraordinary

fashion)! Hansen puppets Tyler with the voice acting and dexterity that you could only find from a artist at the pinnacle of their craft. With movements that are as surprising as they are inventive; Baby Tyler will dance across the stage in ways you couldn't imagine!

With her extensive experience and creative genius, Hansen's show promises an engaging and delightful experience for young audiences, blending humor, imagination, and the magic of puppetry into a must-see performance.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 & FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

Dimanche

BY FOCUS & CHALIWATÉ

🕒 75 mins | Middle-High School (ages 10+)

💎 \$8 per student

Puppetry/Mime: Welcome to the near future. The world's ecosystem has been irreparably changed by humanity, who now struggle to prevent further impacts. But how long can they endure natural disasters and pretend everything is normal? This show is a poignant and absurd exploration of humanity's struggle to adapt to a new ecological reality, urging us not to passively accept the reality of climate change impacting our lives.

In a small city-center building, a family tries to maintain their Sunday tradition amidst climatic chaos: shaking walls, roaring winds, and torrential rain. Simultaneously, three wildlife

reporters document Earth's last living species: three wild animals on the brink of extinction.

"Dimanche" blends dreamlike fiction and reality, painting a witty and tender portrait of humanity caught off guard by nature's uncontrollable forces. Using lo-fi effects, miniature vehicles, puppetry, video, mime, and clever physical recreations, the show highlights human ingenuity and stubbornness to preserve normalcy despite ecological collapse.

Filled with heart and technical ingenuity, the show carries a significant message: humanity isn't perfect, but we aren't beyond saving, either!

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TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 & WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 | 10 A.M.

The Alphabet of Awesome Science

THAT SCIENCE GANG

🕒 60 mins | Early Grades (ages 5-12) 💰 \$8 per student

Theatre/Science: Who knew science could be so fun? Join professors Lexi Con and Noel Edge on a thrilling voyage through the alphabet, where great big chewy sesquipedalian words inspire mind-blowing scientific surprises! Professor Lexi Con has curated a curious collection of her favorite words (one for every letter of the alphabet), each providing Professor Noel Edge with a jumping-off point for 26 quirky scientific demonstrations that squish and squirt, float and fly, erupt and explode. It's as educational as it is awesome!

This dad-joke quipping, prank-pulling pair of polished professors delivers a performance

that's equal parts explosive, messy, spectacular, hilarious, fascinating, and gross. Every show is unique, with the audience determining the order in which the letters are revealed and explored. And, as if that weren't exciting enough, it's a race! The professors have just 52 minutes to complete their alphabetical, scientific countdown – that's just 2 minutes per experiment. Will they make it in time?

This slick, action-packed show is wildly fun and educational! The young scientists in the audience will be introduced to a collection of new scientific concepts, all while being mesmerized by the mind-blowing experiments being performed on stage!

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025 | 10 A.M. & 12 NOON

The Peking Acrobats

🕒 55 minutes | All ages

💰 \$8 per student

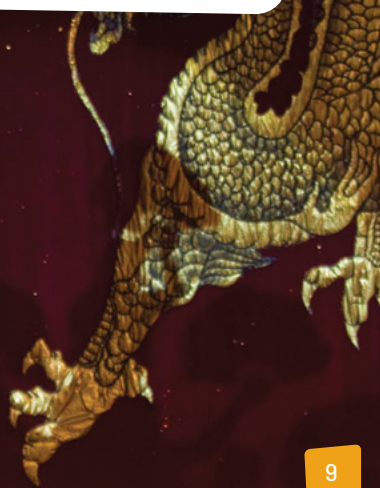
Circus/Acrobatics: For the last thirty-two years, The Peking Acrobats have been surprising and delighting audiences across the world. Performing daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs or atop human pyramids; they showcase their technical prowess in trick-cycling, precision tumbling, juggling, somersaulting, and gymnastics. Defying gravity with amazing displays of contortion, flexibility, and control, The Peking Acrobats push the limits of human ability!

Accompanied by time-honored Chinese music, high-tech special effects, and traditional Chinese outfits, their performances create an

exuberant entertainment event with the festive pageantry of a Chinese Carnival.

Rooted in centuries of Chinese history and folk art, this ensemble is part of a time-honored tradition where each generation adds its own improvements and embellishments to the performances that have come before them. The Peking Acrobats uphold this rich tradition while integrating twenty-first-century technology and bold new stunts never attempted before by past generations!

Catch their show to witness a circus act that pushes the boundaries of what you thought was possible; combining agility and grace through feats of physical artistry!







TAKE A TOUR OF THE PLAYHOUSE!

Give your students a behind-the-scenes look at how a professional performance venue operates, including a look backstage and a lighting and sound demonstration!

Tours of the Playhouse are free of charge, usually between 60 and 90 minutes, and booked based on availability of the theatre.

If you would like to book a tour of the Fredericton Playhouse for your class or group, please contact Sally Goodwin, Director of Operations, at sally@theplayhouse.ca.





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