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Ronald McDonald® Arts for Young America

**2018–2019
Schedule of Events**

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The Ronald McDonald Arts for Young America School Series 2018–2019

Mission

Viterbo University's Ronald McDonald Arts for Young America Program strives to provide a quality arts experience for school-age children through opportunities in theatre, music, dance, and visual art in a variety of formats and venues.



To Order Tickets

You must order online at www.viterbo.edu/aya. Click the *Order Tickets* button. You must fill out a separate order form for each performance you wish to attend.

Payment Information

Full payment is due **Oct. 1, 2018** for reservations made prior to the start of the 2018–19 school year. For reservations made during the school year, full payment is due one month from your order or one month prior to the date of the performance, whichever is earlier. If you are applying for an Arts for All award, your invoice due date will be adjusted.

Reminders

- You will receive a confirmation email, invoice attached, within 10 days of your order.
- You receive one complimentary ticket for every 10 you purchase; we will calculate this upon receipt of your order. You may use these complimentary tickets for students or adults.

Seating Assignments

Seating location is determined by three criteria: a group's special accommodation needs, the date the initial reservation is made, and if payment is received by the due date stated on the invoice.

Refund Policy

All sales are final. If you experience a significant reduction in the number of seats needed and notify us of the change eight weeks prior to the performance, we will issue a refund for the unused seats. You may revise your numbers up to one week prior to the performance.

Study guides and performance day information available at www.viterbo.edu/aya.

Contact

Beth Franklin, arts education coordinator
608-796-3735 or aya@viterbo.edu



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Inclement Weather

If Viterbo University cancels a performance due to inclement weather, we will do our best to reschedule it. If you are unable to attend the rescheduled date, we will issue a refund. If you need to reduce the number of seats for the new date, we will refund the difference. If you are unable to attend a performance due to your school's delay or cancellation, we will make every attempt to exchange your order for another age-appropriate performance. If your group is unable to attend another performance, we will review requests for refunds on a case-by-case basis.

Group Ticket Policy

The ticket prices listed for the performances are for school groups and are made possible through a generous grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western Wisconsin and Southeastern Minnesota. Orders for non-school groups under 10 seats per performance do not meet the criteria for this reduced cost and are charged at a higher rate.

Special Accommodations

When ordering, communicate any special needs your students have (wheelchairs, walkers, no stairs, visual or hearing impairment, etc.) so we can seat your group appropriately. Because of limited ability to accommodate these needs, we must have this information upon order, or at least two weeks prior to the performance. If you will bring a hearing impaired student who requires an ASL interpreter but are not able to provide the ASL interpreter, inform us at least one month prior to the performance to allow us to make appropriate arrangements.

Concerned About the Cost?

The **Arts for All (AFA)** program was developed by Viterbo University with financial assistance from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western Wisconsin and Southeastern Minnesota in an effort to assist economically disadvantaged children and make the arts more accessible to local children. It is Viterbo's goal to make sure every child has the opportunity to experience the arts, regardless of his or her economic background.

With the **AFA** assistance program, teachers may apply for a reduction in ticket cost based on their school's percentage of free or reduced lunches. For example, if 50 percent of the students at your school qualify for free and reduced lunch, then your school may apply for up

to a 50 percent discount off the price of your tickets.

During the 2017–18 academic year, Viterbo was able to assist over 4,600 students, totaling almost \$10,900 through the **AFA** program. Since the start of this program in 2003, Viterbo has helped 48,238 students, totaling \$115,251.

For **AFA** information, contact Beth Franklin, arts education coordinator, at 608-796-3735 or aya@viterbo.edu.

Visit www.viterbo.edu/aya to download an Arts for All application, which will be available after July 9, 2018. Application deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018 at 4 p.m. **All applications must be submitted online.**

Arts Education Outreach

When possible, we offer student outreach activities and residencies throughout the academic year. There is limited availability for these activities and reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. To inquire about opportunities listed in this brochure, email aya@viterbo.edu or call 608-796-3735. There may be a fee involved with bringing an artist into your school.

Missoula Children's Theatre Workshops

Oct. 30–Nov. 2, 2018 • 45-minute sessions

The Missoula Children's Theatre travels the country helping kids develop a love of theatre through interactive presentations in their workshops and productions. Missoula Children's Theatre tour actor/directors will visit your school to work with students interested in the basics of theatre. Workshop topics range from improvisation and character/role development to mime techniques and make-up and visual effects.

La Crosse Dance Centre—Behind the Scenes of *Nutcracker Ballet*

Early December 2018 • 45-minute sessions

Annually, the La Crosse Dance Centre presents their performance of *Nutcracker Ballet* featuring a cast of local students. Take a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to create this production. Students will enjoy an interactive question and answer session, and will even learn a few dance moves.

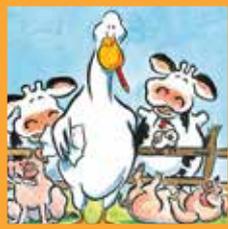
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Evening and Weekend Performances

There are numerous evening and weekend performances in our 2018–19 season that may be of interest to you, your students, and their families. Lula Washington Dance Theatre and Troupe Vertigo are great choices for those interested in dance. Music lovers will enjoy The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass, Mojo and the Bayou Gypsies, and Celtic Nights. Other great titles for family audiences include LUMA Theatre, Popovich Comedy Pet Theatre, Jabali African Acrobats, and Missoula Children's Theatre's *Robin Hood*.

Contact our office if you would like to purchase group tickets to these performances. Groups of ten or more receive 20% off the price of each ticket, and receive one complimentary ticket per 10 purchased.

To learn more about all our performances
this upcoming season, visit
www.viterbo.edu/fac



Lifeline Theatre presents

Giggle, Giggle, Quack

Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

\$6 • 60 minutes

Curriculum connections: language arts, literature-based

Running a farm is hard work, especially with cows that type, hens on strike, and a duck who's always causing trouble. So Farmer Brown takes a well-deserved vacation, leaving his brother Bob, an accountant from the city, in charge. Soon it's no work and all play (and cake, pizza, movies, and bubble baths...) as the animals run wild, taking advantage of Bob's lack of experience. Will the animals come clean about their devious tricks, or is there more to Brother Bob than meets the eye?

Book by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin



Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia presents

The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Eric Carle Favorites

Friday, Nov. 2 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

\$7 • 60 minutes

Curriculum connections: language arts, literature-based

Three beloved stories by Eric Carle are retold on stage through the magic of black light and fanciful puppets. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* follows the adventures of a very tiny and very hungry caterpillar as he eats his way through a variety of foods on his path to becoming a beautiful butterfly. Little Cloud playfully transforms himself into various creatures, including a sheep, an airplane, a shark, and more. The Mixed-Up Chameleon is bored with his life, predictably changing color all day. Following an adventurous trip to the zoo, he attempts to emulate the beautiful animals he sees before realizing the value in himself.



La Crosse Dance Centre presents

Nutcracker Ballet

Friday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m.

\$6 • 120 minutes

Curriculum connections: music, dance

An annual holiday classic presented by the La Crosse Dance Centre, this ballet is full of all the color and spectacle of the holiday season. Join us and share the remarkable magic with your students.



Theatreworks USA presents
Rosie Revere, Engineer

Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

\$6 • 60 minutes

Curriculum connections: STEAM, language arts, literature-based, social studies

Ms. Greer's classroom includes three inquisitive, out-of-the-box thinkers. Rosie Revere is a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer. When her great-great-aunt Rose (Rosie the Riveter) comes for a visit and mentions her one unfinished goal—to fly—Rosie sets to work building a contraption to make her aunt's dream come true. Iggy Peck has a relentless passion for architecture and builds with interesting materials. And Ada Twist, a scientist, has boundless imagination and curiosity.

Based on books by Andrea Beaty



The 5 Browns

Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 9:30 a.m.

\$6 • 50-60 minutes

Curriculum connection: music

The 5 Browns—Ryan, Melody, Gregory, Deondra, and Desirae—all attended New York's Juilliard School, the first family of five siblings ever accepted simultaneously. The 5 Browns deliver on their dream to wake up classical music by introducing it to the widest, largest, and most excited audiences they can find. Whether performing individually or together in various combinations from duo to complex five-piano arrangements, The 5 Browns bring a fresh energy and dynamic character to their sound.



Theatreworks USA presents
Charlotte's Web

Monday, Jan. 28 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

\$6 • 55 minutes

Curriculum connections: language arts, literature-based, relationships and family

Theatreworks' production of *Charlotte's Web* is based on E.B. White's loving story of the friendship between a pig named Wilbur and a little gray spider named Charlotte. Wilbur has a problem: how to avoid winding up as pork chops! Charlotte, a fine writer and true friend, hits on a plan to fool Farmer Zuckerman—she will create a "miracle." Spinning the words "Some Pig" in her web, Charlotte weaves a solution, which not only makes Wilbur a prize pig, but ensures his place on the farm forever. This treasured tale, featuring mad-cap and endearing farm animals, explores bravery, selfless love, and the true meaning of friendship.



Lula Washington Dance Theatre: Reflections in Black

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 9:30 a.m.

FREE • 60 minutes

Curriculum connections: dance, multicultural, history

Narrator and host Lula Washington, along with her dancers, will demonstrate various dance styles and perform excerpts from the company's repertoire. The program gives children awareness of African-American history and culture. Lula also introduces students to historical facts about the Middle Passage, the Underground Railroad, the nature of slavery, and the slave's desire for freedom. Lula brings students on stage to demonstrate and learn movements as part of the show.



Mad River Theater Works presents

Freedom Bound

Friday, Feb. 15 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

\$7 • 60 minutes

Curriculum connections: history, language arts, multicultural, character development

The Underground Railroad ran through countless communities in the north. The "Railroad" was a network of friends who helped slaves escape to freedom in the north and on to Canada before the Civil War. This turbulent period of history is the subject of *Freedom Bound*, which revolves around the most famous incident in the history of the Underground Railroad in Ohio: the story of Addison White, an escaped slave, and his rescue by the citizens of Mechanicsburg, Ohio. This performance brings history to life through original songs and an array of characters that pop right out of the past to relive the uncertainty and hope of the Underground Railroad.



Doktor Kaboom and the Wheel of Science

Monday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

\$6 • 60 minutes

Curriculum connections: science, comedy, math, theatre

So much science, so little time...Doktor Kaboom is having trouble picking his favorite science demonstrations, so he's bringing them all. Unfortunately there are way too many for one show. The solution: The Wheel of Science, a great big spinning wheel labeled with everything from optical illusions to chemical reactions to a homemade hovercraft, and more. At least a dozen fantastic demonstrations ready to go. Wherever the wheel stops, that's what's next. Will he turn a water bottle into a rocket or catapult bananas across the stage? Electrocute a pickle or create artificial gravity? Who knows? So, step right up, and let's spin that wheel.

GRADES K-5

Dallas Children's Theater presents

Diary of a Worm, a Spider, and a Fly**Tuesday, March 19 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.****\$7 • 60 minutes****Curriculum connections:** literature-based, language arts, science

The coolest ever rock-n-roll romp in a bug's world, capturing all the humor and whimsy of the wildly popular books. Insects rule in the diaries of unlikely best friends: Worm, Spider and Fly. Worm eats his homework, Fly believes she has superpowers, and Spider can't wait to grow up and molt. Promoting eco-consciousness, Earth science, and tolerance of others, this performance is a joyful, hip musical exploration of the world outside. You might just find that a bug's life is not all that different from your own.

*Based on the books by Doreen Cronin***GRADES PK-2**

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia presents

The Rainbow Fish**Friday, March 22 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.****\$7 • 60 minutes****Curriculum connections:** language arts, literature-based, storytelling

This beloved story by Marcus Pfister is retold on stage through the magic of black light and fanciful puppets. This tale introduces the most beautiful fish in the sea, whose scales shimmer in all the colors of the rainbow. He is admired—and resented—by the entire underwater world, until a clever octopus advises him to give each fish one of his scales. Further adventures follow as The Rainbow Fish finds the courage to explore the great deep sea, discovering a new world with wonderful sights and friendly creatures of all shapes, sizes, and colors who are eager to make his acquaintance.

GRADES PK-3

Theatreworks USA presents

Pete the Cat**Friday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.****\$6 • 55 minutes****Curriculum connections:** family relationships, language arts, literature-based

When Pete the Cat gets caught rocking out after bedtime, the cat-catcher sends him to live with the Biddle family to learn his manners—and boy are they square! The minute Pete walks in the door, he gets the whole family rocking...except for Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet Earth. Jimmy has lots of tests, and the last thing he needs is some groovy cat turning everything upside down. But when Jimmy draws a blank in art class during the last week of school, Pete is the perfect friend to help him out. Join Jimmy and Pete on an adventure of friendship, all the way to Paris and back in a VW Bus.

Based on the book by Eric Litwin



Theatre Heroes presents

Call of the Wild: Illustrated Edition

Tuesday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m.

\$7 • 60 minutes

Curriculum connections: historical, literature-based, values-based

Jack London's classic tale comes to life on stage. This multimedia adventure mixes performance and storytelling with projected illustrations to tell the story of Buck, the magnificent offspring of a St. Bernard and Scottish Collie. Kidnapped from his lavish life on a California estate and sent to work as a sled dog during the great Klondike Gold Rush of the 1800s, Buck becomes the most famous dog in the northland's history and discovers the endurance and strength of his wild, primal ancestors as their call courses through his blood. 180-degree projections surround the performer and provide scenic, artistic, and historical context. The images feature a unique mix of Philip R. Goodwin's classical illustrations from the book's first edition, period photographs, and brand new drawings and animations created by artist Michael Rae.

ALL AGES



Jabali African Acrobats

Monday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

\$7 • 50-60 minutes

Curriculum connections: music, dance, multicultural

This thrilling performance exemplifies the link between athletics and the arts as the incredible acrobatics, contortions, tumbling, human pyramids, and chair balancing skills of these performers turn to dance. The performance includes the Congo Snake Dance, the Flaming Limbo Bar Dance, Skip Rope Footwork techniques, and comedy set to electrifying music. Audience participation is always included.

ALL AGES



Troupe Vertigo

Wednesday, May 1 at 12:30 p.m.

\$7 • 60 minutes

Curriculum connections: dance, music

Troupe Vertigo brings audiences on a spellbinding journey through the world of artistic movement. World-class aerial artists, contortionists, and ballet dancers fuse together circus-dance-theatre works that ignite the imagination.

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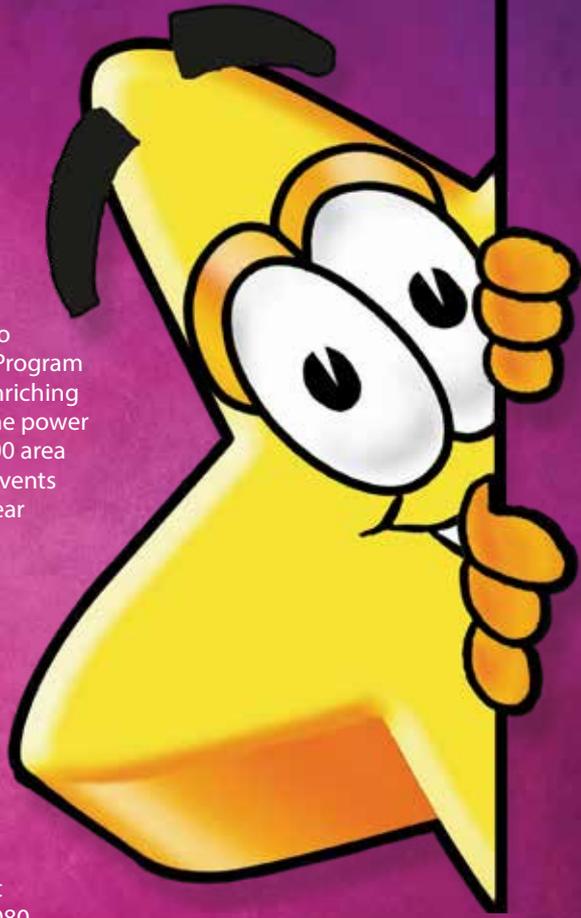
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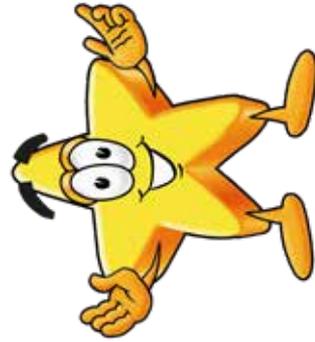
Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Western Wisconsin and Southeastern Minnesota is proud to sponsor the Arts for Young America Program since 1998. RMHC is committed to enriching children's lives in our area through the power of live performance. More than 20,000 area youth and their families will attend events at the Viterbo Fine Arts Center this year and benefit from the high quality programming.

RMHC of Western Wisconsin and Southeastern Minnesota provides grants to local not-for-profit organizations whose programs address the needs of area children regarding medical issues, social concerns, and educational opportunities. For information about our charity or to learn how you may receive a grant application, contact us at 608-781-8080 or www.mccourtesy.com.

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