



Each year, the Collaborative School of the Arts curates an inspiring season of live performances, career exploration, and immersive learning experiences, engaging individuals of all ages across the Capital Region. At our premier venues — Proctors, Capital Repertory Theatre, and Universal Preservation Hall — students can experience professional, full-length productions during school hours, as well as touring performances that bring the magic of theatre directly to their schools. Through exclusive partnerships with national organizations, we offer uniquely crafted programs that ignite curiosity, foster creativity, and enhance academic growth.

Join us for another transformative season, where students don't just watch performances — they engage, discover, and leave with fresh perspectives for the future.

#### **WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON OF INSPIRATION!**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR INCLUDE:**

**AWARD-WINNING THEATRE** 

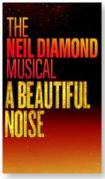
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10TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS

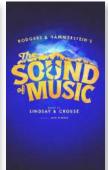
HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL 2026



## **TOPROCTORS**





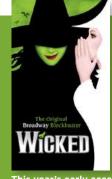












This year's early access show!

## WITH THE VERY BEST OF NATIONAL BROADWAY TOURS RIGHT HERE IN THE CAPITAL REGION, THERE IS NO NEED TO GO TO NYC!

Proctors welcomes school groups with discounted tickets and FREE parking! Our attentive staff will make the logistics of organizing a field trip a breeze. Find out today why so many schools choose Proctors each season.

**PRICE** 

10% off qualified performances of 10-49 attendees. 20% off qualified performances of 50+ attendees.

# HENRY SCHAFFER **THE**

Henry Schaffer Theatre Talks offers our guests exclusive behind-the-scenes discussions with cast, crew, and industry professionals!

## STUDENT MATINEES



Wynn Harmon

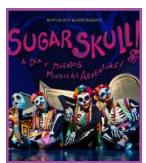
#### **PURE POE: THREE TALES OF THE MACABRE**

By Edgar Allan Poe Adapted by Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill Directed by Margaret E. Hall

Oct. 29, 2025 | 10 a.m. | 45 min. with a 15-min. talkback Location: GE Theatre at Proctors

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Cost: \$9 | Grades: 6+ | CC: Literature, ELA



#### SUGAR SKULL! - A DÍA DE MUERTOS MUSICAL ADVENTURE!

Nov. 13, 2025 | 10 a.m. | 65 min. Location: MainStage at Proctors

"SUGAR SKULL! - A Día de Muertos Musical Adventure!" is a touring bilingual/bicultural musical for young audiences and families that uses traditional regional music and dance from Mexico to tell the story of 12-year-old Vita Flores. Vita thinks her family has gone loco planning a celebration for deceased loved ones. Why throw a party for the dead? But when a spirited candy skeleton suddenly springs to life, Vita finds herself on a magical, musical journey to unravel the true meaning of Día de Muertos.

Cost: \$12 | Grades: 3+ | CC: Mexican Culture, Music, Storytelling

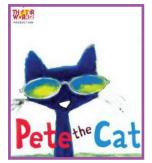


#### NORTHEAST BALLET'S ANNUAL NUTCRACKER

Dec. 12, 2025 | 10 a.m. | 60 min. Location: MainStage at Proctors

Northeast Ballet's Annual "Nutcracker" is a dreamland for every young person to explore. Elaborate costumes create a story about Clara's dream at holiday time, inspired by a gift from her Uncle Drosselmeyer-a NUTCRACKER! Complete with a growing tree, magical dolls, soldiers led by the Nutcracker, and nasty rats led by a scary rat queen, she journeys through a snow squall to learn about the dances of the world until she finds her special sugar plum, and all is well in the world.

Cost: \$11 | Grades: 4+ | CC: Music, Dance, Storytelling



#### PETE THE CAT

Jan. 22, 2026 | 10 a.m. | 50 min. Location: MainStage at Proctors

For Pete the Cat, life is an adventure no matter where you wind up. The minute the groovy blue cat meets The Biddles, he gets the whole family rocking. That is, except for young Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet Earth. But when Jimmy draws a blank in art class during the last week of school, it turns out Pete is the perfect pal to help him out. Together, they set out on a mission to help Jimmy conquer second-grade art, and along the way, they both learn a little something new about inspiration. Join Jimmy and Pete on an adventure of friendship, all the way to Paris and back in a VW Bus!

Cost: \$10 | Grades: Pre-K - 3 | CC: Music, Storytelling, Creativity

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#### **BUGS**

Feb. 4, 2026 | 10 a.m. | 60 min. Location: MainStage at Proctors

This multimedia show for young audiences incorporates Kaki King's signature guitar projection mapping and drum-triggered effects into a fun-filled story of bugs, beetles, critters, and all things sugar. "BUGS" is engaging and interactive, encouraging audiences to participate and dance along. They are invited to shout out their favorite bug, dance like one of the insect characters jiggling around on the guitar, and feel the freedom to interact with Kaki and glow in their own discovery processes.

Cost: \$10 | Grades: Pre-K - 3 | CC: Music, Nature, Insects



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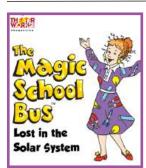
## THEY BUILT AMERICA: WORKERS OF THE ERIE CANAL

By Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill Directed by Margaret E. Hall

March 27, 2026 | 10 a.m. | 45 min. with a 15-min. talkback Location: GE Theatre at Proctors

Join Kelly McPhearson, a fearless Irish lass, on an incredible journey to find her brother (her only family in America), who's working on the canal. Sourced from more than 35 historical records, this original work celebrates the real men, women, children, politicians, farmers, merchants, and laborers who built the Erie Canal - the miraculous waterway that transformed America from a burgeoning country into a great nation! Told with live music and text, history comes to life with figures such as physician Dr. Finch, Italian mason Antonio, Swedish packet boat Captain Gus, Governor DeWitt Clinton, congressmen, and many more!

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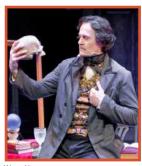
## THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS LOST IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

May 7, 2026 |10 a.m. | 50 min. Location: MainStage at Proctors

Families will love watching their favorite characters from the classic book and TV series explore the atmosphere on Mercury, Venus, and Mars on an epic interplanetary field trip. Guided by Ms. Frizzle, the class must pull together to find their way across the galaxy while learning as much about teamwork as they do about the solar system.

Cost: \$10 | Grades: K-5 | CC: Science, Music, Communication

## STUDENT MATINEES



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#### PURE POE: THREE TALES OF THE MACABRE

By Edgar Allan Poe Adapted by Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill Directed by Margaret E. Hall

Oct. 15, 2025 | 10 a.m. | 45 min. with a 15-min. talkback Location: MainStage at theREP

Get ready for an electrifying return of one of Capital Repertory Theatre's most adored touring shows – "Pure Poe" is back, and it's more thrilling than ever! Step into a world of passion, madness, and chilling mystery as Edgar Allan Poe's unforgettable characters burst to life. Witness lost loves, gruesome murders, and a desperate prince fighting his deadly fate as the legendary master storyteller himself, Edgar Allan Poe, rises from the grave to weave his dark tales. Prepare to be captivated as Poe recites his iconic poem "The Raven," alongside the spine-tingling "The Tell-Tale Heart," and the haunting "Masque of the Red Death." This is a show you don't want to miss!

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#### MURDER FOR TWO: HOLIDAY EDITION

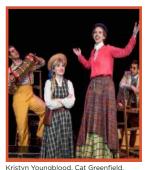
Book and Lyrics by Kellen Blair Book and Music by Joe Kinosian Directed by Scott Weinstein

Dec. 4 and 17, 2025 | 10:30 a.m. | 2 hours 15 min. with intermission Location: MainStage at theREP

You're invited to a Christmas Eve party at a spooky mansion...but the host won't survive the opening number! This madcap musical mystery delivers nonstop laughs as one actor plays detective Marcus Moscowicz and the other tackles all 10 suspects. A hit at Capital Repertory Theatre in 2015, "Murder for Two" returns with composer and original star Joe Kinosian for a must-see holiday event!

Cost: \$14 | Grades: 9+ | CC: Holiday, Comedy, Storytelling

Mature content, for audiences 14+



Timothy Liu and William Boyajian

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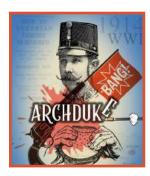
By Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill Directed by Margaret E. Hall

March 11, 2026 | 10 a.m. | 45 min. with a 15-min. talkback Location: GE Theatre at Proctors

Join Kelly McPhearson, a fearless Irish lass, on an incredible journey to find her brother (her only family in America), who's working on the canal. Sourced from more than 35 historical records, this original work celebrates the real men, women, children, politicians, farmers, merchants, and laborers who built the Erie Canal - the miraculous waterway that transformed America from a burgeoning country into a great nation! Told with live music and text, history comes to life with figures such as physician Dr. Finch, Italian mason Antonio, Swedish packet boat Captain Gus, Governor DeWitt Clinton, congressmen, and many more!

Cost: \$9 | Grades: 3+ | CC: Literature, ELA, American History

## to the REP\*



#### **ARCHDUKE**

By Rajiv Joseph A Collaboration with the Wilma Directed by Blanka Zizka

March 12 and 25, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | 2 hours 15 min. with intermission

Location: MainStage at theREP

Serbia, 1914. Three starving teens with nothing to lose fall under the sway of a fanatical captain, stumbling their way into an assassination that sparks World War I. This pitch-dark farce turns history on its head, blending absurd comedy with chilling relevance. Direct from Philadelphia's Wilma Theater, winner of the 2024 Regional Theatre Tony Award, "Archduke" is inventive, hilarious, and heartbreakingly timely.

Cost: \$14 | Grades: 9+ | CC: History, Social Studies



theREP prides itself on offering a diverse selection of arts entertainment. Not all productions may appeal to or be appropriate for every person of all ages. Patrons are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the shows we offer and make informed decisions before purchasing tickets.

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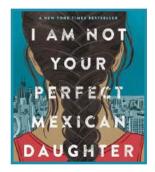
## THEY BUILT AMERICA: WORKERS OF THE ERIE CANAL

By Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill Directed by Margaret E. Hall

March 18, 2026 | 10 a.m. | 45 min. with a 15-min. talkback Location: Great Hall at UPH

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### LITERATURE TO LIFE STAGE PRESENTATION: I AM NOT YOUR PERFECT MEXICAN DAUGHTER

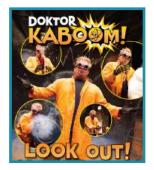
April 15, 2026 | 10 a.m. | 60 min. with 15-min. talkback Location: Great Hall at UPH

Literature to Life adapts Erika L. Sánchez's novel as the newest title in their Signature Performance series. The novel focuses on the idea of finding one's own identity and breaking free from societal, cultural, and familial expectations. The story follows Julia Reyes, a Chicago high school student, as she navigates the trials and tribulations of following her dreams of becoming a writer, while dealing with the death of her sister, Olga — who might not have been quite as perfect as she seemed.

Cost: \$10 | Grades: 9+ | CC: Storytelling, Mexican Culture

This production contains mature themes of grief, mental health struggles, and cultural pressure. Educators are encouraged to review content and prepare students accordingly.

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## DOKTOR KABOOM: LOOK OUT! SCIENCE IS COMING!

April 23, 2026 | 10 a.m. | 60 min. Location: Great Hall at UPH

Doktor Kaboom takes his audience on an educational tour of the modern scientific method, using humor and comedy while demonstrating spectacular applications of the physical sciences. Topics covered include safety, pressure and force, simple machines, velocity, application of science to everyday life, the scientific method (hypothesis and experimentation), multiple experimentation, constant discovery of new information and data, and definitions of important scientific terms like chemical reactions, exothermic, external and chemical formula, mass, air pressure, and demonstration versus experimentation.

Cost: \$11 | Grades: 3-7 | CC: Comedy, Science



# ON-THE-GO! TOURING PRODUCTIONS



Bring professional theatre directly into your classroom with an On-The-Go tour. A fully realized, portable production:

- That can be performed in almost any space.
- Eliminates bus costs, travel time, and logistical concerns.
- Maximizes the effectiveness of arts in education dollars.
- Includes a post-show talkback with actors.

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## THEY BUILT AMERICA: WORKERS OF THE ERIE CANAL

By Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill Directed by Margaret E. Hall Tour dates: March 3-April 1, 2026

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Cost: \$1,500 | Grades: 3+ | CC: Literature, ELA, American History



School applications open in fall 2025. Don't miss your chance to be part of the magic!

A DECADE OF APPLAUSE!

# Musical Theatre Awards BPROCTORS



7 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

The Collaborative School of the Arts proudly presents the 10th Annual High School Musical Theatre Awards, a season-long celebration of the extraordinary productions and talent showcased by high schools across the Captal Region! In collaboration with the Broadway League, this program mirrors the prestige of the Tony Awards, shining a spotlight on the dedication, artistry, and passion of student performers, crews, and creative staff.

From show-stopping performances to-breath-taking technical achievements, the excitement builds all season long as schools bring beloved musicals to life on their stages. These efforts culminate on May 16 in a red-carpet awards ceremony, where outstanding achievements — both on stage and behind the scenes — will be honored in a dazzling night of celebration.

Two Outstanding Lead Role award recipients will represent Proctors and the Capital Region on Broadway's biggest stage at the 2025 National High School Musical Theatre Awards/Jimmy Awards in New York City.



# ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



9 A.M. - 2 P.M. April 23, 2026 Performance intensive day at Proctors 9 A.M. - 2 P.M. April 30, 2026 Technical theatre day at the Collaborative Scene Shop

The High School Theatre Festival is back! This all-day event offers schools an engaging and educational experience through workshops and masterclasses focused on various aspects of theatre and theatre production. This event provides students with an in-depth understanding of the creative processes both on and off the stage.

We are excited to introduce a technical theatre day, a specialized track dedicated to the behind-thescenes magic that brings productions to life. Students interested in scenic art, props, and other technical construction elements will have the opportunity to work with industry professionals in hands-on workshops designed to deepen their skills and knowledge.

Building on past years, we are also pleased to offer returning favorites such as Acting through Song, Stage Make-Up, and Stage Combat, along with a new session on Modern Broadway Choreography.

At the Collaborative School of the Arts, our mission is to provide unique and inspiring opportunities for students in the Capital Region and beyond. We look forward to the possibility of your school participating in this exciting event. We hope to see you at the theatre next spring!

Cost: \$500 per school, per day (schools may choose to participate in one or both days)

## CAST PROGRAM CULTIVATING ARTS & STUDENTS TOGETHER

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Are you ready to be part of the action and create unforgettable experiences for others? Step into the spotlight as a CAST member and get front-row access to the best shows in town, while helping others enjoy the magic of live performances! CAST takes place at Proctors in Schenectady, theREP in Albany, and UPH in Saratoga.

#### WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

- Earn community service credit
- Get exclusive show perks
- Learn house management skills
- Meet new people and build your resume

Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to apply.

Spaces fill up quickly, be sure to encourage students to submit their applications early.

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

JUST BRING YOUR ENERGY AND A LOVE FOR THE ARTS!

**READY TO GET STARTED?** 

For more information visit: collaborativeschoolofthearts.org or contact school@proctorscollaborative.org.

## **HOW TO ORDER**

#### GROUP ORDERING INFORMATION

Call Group Sales at (518) 382-3884 x139 or visit collaborativeschoolofthearts.org.

Advanced registration is required for all orders.

Final counts are due 30 days prior to the event. No refunds or exchanges will be made after this deadline.

Every attendee must reserve a seat. Remember to reserve seating for all teachers and chaperones. For every 15 students, one complimentary adult ticket is provided.

These performances are non-ticketed. No tickets will be emailed.

#### PAYMENT

Payment is due 30 days in advance of each show. Forms of payment accepted are: check, credit card, or BOCES purchase order.

Invoices are emailed promptly for immediate confirmation. If you have not received this confirmation, your reservation is not yet guaranteed.

#### **ADA NEEDS**

Proctors Collaborative accommodates mobility, hearing, and visually impaired patrons to the best of our ability.

Please advise us of seating needs when you place your order so we can make arrangements prior to your arrival.

#### **BUS & PARKING**

Procedures and directions arrive with your invoice and can be found at collaborativeschoolofthearts.org.

#### FINANCIAL AID

Ticket and transportation scholarships are available. Visit collaborativeschoolofthearts.org for information.























