

ONSTAGE
SEASON

2025/26

Mariachi Rock
Revolution

The OnStage student field trip series is designed for students from public, private and home schools. The shows offer a diverse range of performing art forms, connect to content across the curriculum and present various cultural perspectives.

- Tickets for OnStage performances go on sale **May 7, 2025**.
- Seats are \$9 each for school groups, \$10.50 each for homeschool groups. One complimentary seat is given for every 15 seats reserved, and subsidies are available for qualified groups.
- All performances are 60 minutes; sometimes this includes a short talk back with the artists.
- Includes a standards-based resource guide stocked with lesson ideas and curricular connections; sent one month prior to each performance.


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MARIACHI ROCK REVOLUTION

THU, OCT 30, 2025
10 AM & 12:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES 4-12

Curriculum Connections: Arts, Social Studies, Social Emotional, Language Arts

Get ready for a rock-fueled, Mariachi-infused spectacle of sight and sound celebrating the tradition of Mariachi. This high-energy show unites arena-rock fans, abuelas raised on Vicente Fernández—and everyone in between.

CIRQUE MECHANICS - TILT!

MON, NOV 3, 2025
10 AM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES 4-12

Curriculum Connections: Arts, Social Emotional

Enter the wonder-filled world of Cirque Mechanics, where modern circus collides with American industrial ingenuity. Witness acrobatics, mechanical marvels and a bit of clowning around—all wrapped in raw realism you won't find anywhere else.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE:
A PIRATE'S LIFE WITH
ARCHAEOLOGIST LISA BRIGGS

WED, NOV 5, 2025
11 AM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES 4-12

Curriculum Connections: Science, Social Studies

Set sail on a thrilling adventure with archaeologist Lisa Briggs. Dive into the Mediterranean to uncover how pirates shaped the Roman Empire, meet China's fierce Pirate Queen and step into the lab to track Blackbeard's trail. History's greatest treasures await—are you ready to hunt?

BILL BLAGG: THE SCIENCE OF MAGIC

FRI, JAN 9, 2026
10 AM & 12:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES 1-5

Curriculum Connections: Science, Social Studies

Enjoy 60 minutes of non-stop magical fun, specifically designed to entertain and engage audiences of all ages. Blagg's unique blend of comedy, audience participation and mind-bending magic may bring objects to life and make audience members float in mid-air!

CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM

WED, JAN 14, 2026
10 AM & 12:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES PRE K-3

Curriculum Connections: Arts, Language Arts, Social Studies, Social Emotional

Letters climb, tumble and delight in this vibrant, music-filled adventure! With catchy songs, energetic dancing and whimsical puppets, this playful production brings the beloved story to life. Full of audience interaction, it's a joyful way for kids to explore sound, rhythm and reading through laughter and fun.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE:
WILD CATS REVEALED WITH FILMMAKER
SANDESH KADUR

WED, JAN 21, 2026
11 AM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES 4-12

Curriculum Connections: Science, Social Studies

From towering Himalayas to dense jungles, India is home to the world's most diverse wild cats. Join filmmaker and National Geographic Fellow Sandesh Kadur as he unveils rare felines—like the grumpy-faced Pallas's cat and the fishing cat—through captivating images and video.

STEP AFRIKA!'S THE MIGRATION: REFLECTIONS ON JACOB LAWRENCE

THU, FEB 5, 2026
10 AM
OVERTURE HALL

GRADES 3-12

Curriculum Connections: Arts, Social Studies, Social Emotional

Watch as the energy of percussive dance, African traditions and contemporary movement collide. With powerful rhythms, storytelling and audience participation, this celebration of African culture and artistry will leave your heart pounding.

SECRETS OF SPACE

TUE, FEB 24, 2026
10 AM & 12:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES 2-6

Curriculum Connections: Science, Arts, Social Studies, Social Emotional

Sisters Suni and Mae dream of exploring the stars, and now they're inviting us along! With magical illusions and a cutting-edge digital LED wall, this interactive journey through space dazzles with stunning imagery while uncovering the wonders of science, technology and engineering. Get ready to dream big and explore the cosmos!

UW VARSITY BAND

FRI, FEB 27, 2026
10 AM & 12:30 PM
OVERTURE HALL

GRADES 4-12

Curriculum Connections: Arts, Social Studies

Always a favorite, the University of Wisconsin Varsity Band led by Director Corey Pompey treats audiences to a spectacular show of many musical styles from pop to Broadway. This show often sells out, so get your tickets early!

MONKEYS EVERYWHERE

MON, MAR 2, 2026
10 AM & 12:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES 3-6

Curriculum Connections: Arts, Social Studies, Social Emotional, Language Arts

Limited Seating - 650 per show

Garry Starr's mind is overrun by mischievous monkeys, making it impossible to finish his new play. In "Monkeys Everywhere," he teams up with Director Olivia Jacobs ("The Gruffalo," "Room on the Broom") for a laugh-out-loud, heart-filled show for all ages. Come see if Starr can tame his cheeky chimps—or if they'll get the last swing!

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF SHARKS WITH MARINE BIOLOGIST JESS CRAMP

WED, MAR 4, 2026
11 AM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES 4-12

Curriculum Connections: Science, Social Studies

Dive into our planet's waters and observe the fascinating lives of sharks with marine biologist Jess Cramp. Fifty years after "Jaws," discover the real story of these ancient predators, the trailblazing women of shark science and Cramp's mission to protect them.

DRUM TAO

TUE, MAR 10, 2026
10 AM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES 4-12

Curriculum Connections: Arts, Social Studies, Social Emotional

Experience the pulse-pounding power of Drum TAO, where traditional Japanese Wadaiko drums meet breathtaking performance and modern spectacle. Renowned for their dynamic choreography, striking visuals and thunderous rhythms, Drum TAO delivers a performance that is more than just a concert—it's a full-body experience.

CURIOUS GEORGE: THE GOLDEN MEATBALL

WED, MAR 11, 2026
10 AM & 12:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES PRE K-3

Curriculum Connections: Arts, Language Arts, Social Studies, Social Emotional

Join Curious George, the inquisitive, engaging monkey-star of books, movies and the award-winning PBS television show in a brand new musical. With every swing and flip, George takes the audience through a fun-filled adventure, in which he learns more about Rome... and meatballs... and the secret ingredient to cooking!

BILLY GOATS GRUFF

FRI, APR 10, 2026
10 AM & 12:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES PRE K-2

Curriculum Connections: Arts, Language Arts, Social Studies, Social Emotional

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia brings three beloved stories to life with a fresh, playful twist! Meet three determined goats who outwit a troll in "Billy Goats Gruff," watch as a wily Wolf gets bested by clever pigs in "Wolf vs. Pigs," and follow a mischievous raccoon in "Goldilocks." Featuring laughter, surprises and a Q&A session, it's a must-see for ages 3-7!

DOODLE POP

TUE, APR 21, 2026
10 AM & 12:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

GRADES PRE K-2

Curriculum Connections: Arts, Science, Social Emotional

Limited Seating - 650 per show

A mischievous duo's doodles come to life, launching them—and us—into a playful sea adventure with a tiny turtle. Featuring stunning interactive animations, live whiteboard drawings and a captivating score performed live, this enchanting non-verbal show is a heartwarming journey of creativity, imagination and discovery. Will they return the turtle safely home?

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