

2017-09

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS FOR GRADES 4-7

Dear Parents:

For over 40 years Burnaby School District has sponsored a Young People's Concert Series to provide additional opportunity for the District's elementary school students to access a wide variety of performing arts presentations. In many cases, this program provides the only opportunity young people have to attend performances by outstanding nationally and internationally known artists at reasonable cost. One of the main objectives of the Series is to showcase cultural genre which span the range of performance arts.

CONCERT I: SHAYNA JONES

Shayna Jones is a professional performance storyteller and founder of creative company We Are StoryFolk: Traditional Storytelling Arts. A trained singer, dancer and actor, she imbues each performance with soulful song, dynamic movement and spell-binding folktales - audience participation is lovingly required! Shayna deeply believes in the power of "eye-to-eye and heart-to-heart" communication. Today, in an age where such connection is threatened by pixels and sound bites, Shayna endeavors to keep traditional storytelling alive and vibrant.

CONCERT II: MONSTER THEATRE "Shakespeare's Dream"

No need to wait until high school to develop a love of Shakespeare! Monster Theatre presents an exciting new K-7 adaptation of Shakespeare's most popular comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream. William Shakespeare must have a new play written for the Duke's wedding TOMORROW! He's stumped. He needs your help! Love, fairies, friendship and confusion abound in this silly, dreamy musical comedy featuring puppets, shadow magic, and talking donkeys.

CONCERT III: BLUE BERRIES

Blues Rocks! is a power-packed show from one of Canada's best-known groups for introducing popular music to young audiences. The performance traces the history of blues with an emphasis on how it has influenced popular music styles of the past few decades. Audiences can expect to hear music from traditional field hollers to the White Stripes, Robert Johnson to Jimi Hendrix, and everything in between. Audiences will clap and sing along, learn the 12-bar blues form, learn a few dance steps and even play.

The cost of the concerts is as follows: (fees cover artist and transportation costs)

\$20.00 - for one child \$30.00 - for two children in the family \$40.00 - for three or more children in the family

Performances will take place in the *Michael J. Fox Theatre* at Burnaby South Secondary School. Rates vary with the number of children attending from each family. Please complete the reply below and return it to the school along with payment.

PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DETAILS:

1. Families with two or more children are asked to submit **ONE FORM ONLY WITH THE OLDEST CHILD.**
2. **We encourage all students at Montecito to attend these concerts. Last year all gr. 4 – 7 students attended.**
3. Our deadline is **Thursday, September 21, 2017.** PLEASE PAY BY SCHOOLCASH ONLINE, CHEQUE (payable to Montecito School).
4. **DO NOT combine cheques with other payments (ie. with Student Planners).**
5. LATE ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

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PLEASE RETURN TO MONTECITO SCHOOL BY Thursday, September 21, 2017

I give permission for my child/children (**GRADES 4 TO 7 ONLY**) to attend the concerts, travelling to and from Michael J. Fox by chartered bus:

Child's Name _____ Gr. _____ Div. _____

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PAYMENT ENCLOSED (please appropriate boxes): \$20.00 or \$30.00 or \$40.00

SchoolCash Online Receipt # _____
(information to register for this convenient option has been posted to the school website)

Cheque made payable to Montecito
(Please DO NOT combine cheques with other payments (ie. with Student Planners)).

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____