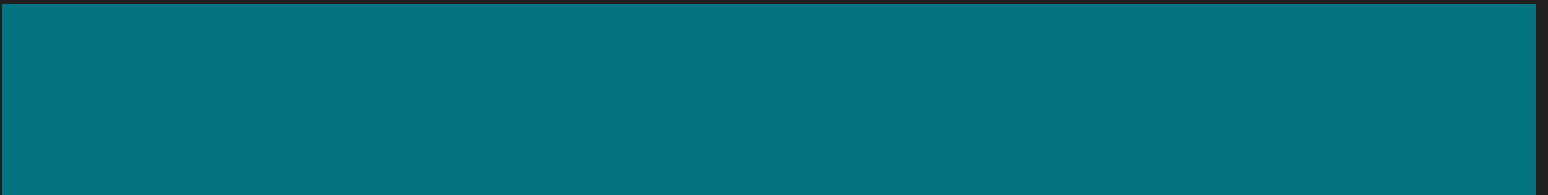


2026-2027



# DAYTON LIVE DISCOVERY

## Educational Performances for Grades PreK-12





Since the Discovery Series debuted in 1991, more than 1 million students have experienced the power of **arts education as an essential component of their academic journey**. We are so happy to celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> season with you! The carefully selected shows this season enhance Ohio state academic standards throughout multiple subject areas. Performing arts field trips have a real impact on a student’s reading and language skills, social-emotional learning, critical thinking, social skills, and motivation to learn. When a Discovery Series experience is added to your academic calendar, you are inspiring new pathways for achievement both inside and outside of the classroom for your students.

Each season, we provide free **Resource Guides** created specifically for each production whether you attend that show or not. [Download all of them!](#) The Resource Guides are full of practical information and grade-specific activities for you and your students – plus the worksheets are printer-friendly! We have even listed the content areas from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce that we believe the activities address.

This season, Discovery Series performances are taking place in two of Dayton Live’s theatre spaces – ***the Victoria Theatre and the PNC Arts Annex***. Each venue offers a unique and magical space for your students to engage in the performing arts.

**Thank you for celebrating the Discovery Series’ 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and making the arts a priority in the academic lives of our young people. We’ll see you at the theatre!**

**RESOURCE GUIDES**

# HOW TO REQUEST TICKETS

Click the **REQUEST TICKETS** button on each show in this brochure, on the website, or visit [DAYTONLIVE.ORG/DISCOVERY](http://DAYTONLIVE.ORG/DISCOVERY).

## PAYMENT POLICIES

- After you submit your online Ticket Request Form, you will receive an automated email from [info@daytonlive.org](mailto:info@daytonlive.org) that your request has been received by Dayton Live. *Please let us know if you DO NOT RECEIVE this email within 24 hours and be sure to check your spam folder.* **This automated email is NOT confirmation that your tickets have been reserved!**
- Dayton Live recommends you pay for your performance(s) immediately upon receiving your Discovery Series invoice from [discovery@daytonlive.org](mailto:discovery@daytonlive.org). If you do not submit payment immediately upon receiving your Discovery Series invoice, your payment must be paid in **full FIVE weeks** prior to the performance date.
- All cancellations must be made no later than **FOUR weeks** prior to the performance date. Please email [discovery@daytonlive.org](mailto:discovery@daytonlive.org).
- All changes to ticket counts, lunch space requests, and accessibility needs must be made no later than **FOUR weeks** prior to the performance date.
- Dayton Live reserves the right to **cancel any ticket request** if payment is not received five weeks prior to the performance. If you arrive to your selected show after your tickets are released, ticket sales are at the discretion of the Dayton Live Box Office Staff and seating availability once the performance begins.
- Dayton Live reserves the right to require a non-refundable deposit for ticket orders from schools/homeschools that are booking multiple performances OR have an outstanding balance from a previous season.

## WAYS TO PAY

- Payments can be made in the form of ONE check (school or personal), MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover. The Dayton Live Box Office can accept full payments for invoices. For any order changes with payment, please call the Education & Engagement staff at 937-637-8267.
- **BY PHONE:** Call the Dayton Live Box Office at 937-228-3630 if you are paying your full invoice. If there are any changes that must be made to your order when paying, please call 937-637-8267.
- **BY MAIL:** Fill out the **credit card authorization form** at the bottom of your invoice to **mail** to us. Dayton Live will **NOT** accept any payments made via e-mail.
- **BY CHECK: Mail a check** made payable to Dayton Live to:  
Dayton Live  
Attn. Discovery Series  
138 North Main Street  
Dayton, OH 45402
- **Purchase Orders (POs) are not considered payment – your Discovery order will not be confirmed until a check is received.** Due to the varying process times for individual schools and districts, we request your PO be sent to us **within 72 hours of Ticket Request Confirmation.**
- All payments are **due NO later than FIVE weeks prior to a selected show date in order to fully reserve your seats.** Please review your invoice(s) to confirm the date and time of your selected shows and the number of tickets you requested.

## CHAPERONE TICKETS

For every 10 student seats purchased for an individual performance of a Discovery Series show, ONE adult chaperone may attend free of charge. Additional seats for schools and home schools may be purchased at the student rate of \$5 to accommodate chaperone requirements. Scholarship prices do not apply to adult chaperone tickets.

# PERSONALIZED DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

Add a customized Discovery Workshop to your field trip! Each workshop will be created to suit your classroom needs, and we can even come to you! Email [discovery@daytonlive.org](mailto:discovery@daytonlive.org) to book a workshop today. Below are a few examples of specialized creative drama workshops Dayton Live can professionally deliver to you and your students.

## PAST WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

### Creating Theatre Masks: Your Inner Character

Unleash your students' creativity as they transform into their favorite characters with our mask-making workshop. During this workshop, students will be introduced to different types of theatre masks from all over the world, such as character masks, animal masks, and abstract masks. They will then create their own masks using a variety of materials, including paper, cardboard, and plastic. Then, using their imagination, students will bring their masks to life! Come explore the world of theatre masks and unleash your inner character.

### Poetry In Motion

This workshop combines the art of poetry and spoken word with the performing arts! Students will be guided through a creative process to write their own poetry – and then bring it to life! Finding inspiration in the world around them is key as students combine their own creative writing with bringing those words to life. This workshop is best for students in grades 3-8.

### The Creative Method: Where Science Meets Storytelling

Do your students love writing stories and want to learn how to use the scientific method to make them even better? Then this workshop is for them! This fun and exciting workshop combines the art of storytelling with the scientific method. Students will learn how to approach writing scientifically by developing a hypothesis, testing it through experimentation, and analyzing the results to refine their writing. Let's explore together the creative possibilities of science and storytelling!



***Want to stay for lunch?*** We have several studio spaces that can be reserved after a Discovery performance. On your order form, select "Yes, I would like to be contacted about reserving a space for lunch", or email [discovery@daytonlive.org](mailto:discovery@daytonlive.org) to arrange a reservation.

# ARE THERE SCHOLARSHIPS?

All young people should experience live theatre. Thanks to our generous sponsors and donors, we are pleased to offer scholarships to help you and your students visit our theatres. Whether you are a group of 5 or 205, there is an option for you.

Scholarships are awarded to schools in the form of discounted ticket prices in the amounts of \$4, \$3, or \$2, based on each school's free and reduced lunch percentage.

Scholarships are awarded as requests are received  
***UNTIL ALL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS HAVE BEEN DEPLETED.***

The earlier you apply, the more likely you will be awarded a scholarship.

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the **scholarship information at the bottom of the online Ticket Request Form**, supplying all required information. Incomplete scholarship applications will not be processed.
2. Dayton Live must receive your scholarship application by ***Monday, December 14, 2026, for the entire school year of ordered shows.***
3. You will receive notification of the amount of scholarship awarded within one week after we receive your application. Call 937-637-8267 if you do not hear about your scholarship request after one week.
4. Dayton Live recommends that you pay for your performance(s) immediately upon receiving your invoice. If you do not submit payment immediately upon receiving your Discovery Series invoice, your payment must be paid in **full FIVE weeks** prior to the performance date.
5. You will receive arrival instructions one week prior to the performance.



# FUELING EDUCATION

Through the generous support of the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority, Dayton Live is proud to offer the **Fueling Education Scholarship**. The Fueling Education Scholarship helps to get you and your students to the theatre for our engaging programs **FREE OF CHARGE**. Limited scholarships are available for each Discovery Series season.

*Teachers can only be awarded ONE Fueling Education voucher per season.*



## For schools located within a quarter mile of an RTA route:

You must submit an application, which can be filled out below. RTA will notify you if they are available to pick up your students, take them to the show, and return them following the performance free of charge.

Schools must be in **Montgomery County** and they **must be able to get to a bus stop** to be picked up. Groups must have 25 or more riders. **Groups of less than 25 will not be considered.**

This service is offered on a limited basis and is dependent upon the daily availability of buses and operators. Teachers may request **one Fueling Education voucher per season. All requests require RTA and your school district's approval, so plan early!**

When you click "submit" on the online application, you will automatically be sent to Dayton Live and the RTA. You will receive an official confirmation email **from the RTA no later than two weeks** before your scheduled performance.

## If your school is located outside of the RTA route:

There may be additional scholarship resources available to provide transportation to and from your performance. Please email [discovery@daytonlive.org](mailto:discovery@daytonlive.org) for more information.



**APPLY NOW!**

***Submit an application!***

# VISITING THE THEATRES



## Victoria Theatre

138 North Main Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402



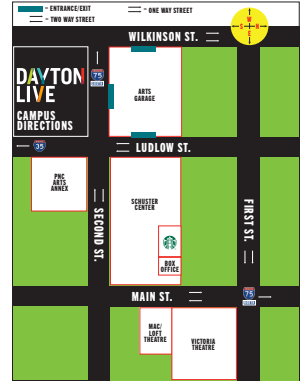
## PNC Arts Annex

46 West Second Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402



## Schuster Center

1 West Second Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402



## FAQ

### ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Please indicate any accommodation your group requires, including the number of wheelchairs, service animals, or mobility access needs, on the Ticket Request Form. Sign interpretation requests must be made **THREE weeks** prior to the selected performance. Sign interpretation and audio descriptions are only available at the 11:30 a.m. performance of each show, **when requested THREE or more weeks in advance**. For any questions or specific accommodations, please contact [discovery@daytonlive.org](mailto:discovery@daytonlive.org).

### ORDER ADJUSTMENTS

ORDER ADJUSTMENTS may be made until **FOUR weeks** prior to the performance date. Within the FOUR-week window before a performance, **ONLY** additional seats may be added to your order if space permits. No credits or refunds will be issued for unused seats.

### LATE RESERVATIONS

LATE RESERVATIONS will be accepted by Dayton Live via online ticket request **up to 48 hours before a select performance**. If you are looking to see a show close to the performance date, give us a call! Fulfilling late ticket requests will be based on availability. Please call 937-637-8267.

### ARRIVAL


Plan your arrival at least 30 minutes before the scheduled performance time. Additional information will be sent to you one week in advance of the show, describing parking and dismissal procedures. Be sure to check your spam folder! **Please add [info@daytonlive.org](mailto:info@daytonlive.org) and [discovery@daytonlive.org](mailto:discovery@daytonlive.org) to your contacts.**

### INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCIES

If your school is closed or delayed due to inclement weather on the day of a scheduled performance, **PLEASE NOTIFY US BEFORE SHOW TIME THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING**. You will have the opportunity to attend another performance, (pending availability), or to receive a full refund. A decision must be made within 30 days of the affected performance to be honored. In the event of a **closing or other emergency** the day of your scheduled performance, **call 937-637-8267 before the day of the performance or the Box Office at 937-228-3630 on the day of the performance.**

*Thank you for being part of the Discovery Series!*

**Directions & Parking**

PNC Arts Annex

- FINE ARTS
- HISTORY
- SEL
- SOCIAL STUDIES

Wednesday  
October 14, 2026  
9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Thursday  
October 15, 2026  
9:30 & 11:30 a.m.



## Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> (ages 8+)

### Created and performed by Starr Chief Eagle

The Hoop Dance is a powerful expression of Indigenous culture that embodies core values such as respect, creativity, determination, and balance. Rooted in tradition and performed by numerous Indigenous nations across the United States and Canada, this ancient dance is both a spiritual practice and a storytelling art. The hoops symbolize peace, unity, healing, and balance, and are used to form intricate shapes, designs, and figures that convey deeply personal and cultural stories. In 2024 and 2025, **STARR CHIEF EAGLE** earned the title of Intermountain Hoop Dance Champion. Her performances go beyond entertainment; they are immersive educational experiences that weave together the Lakota language, traditional storytelling, and cultural teachings – inviting audiences of all ages and backgrounds to connect through the power of dance and heritage.

# Among Wild Predators

with Wildlife Filmmaker  
**CASEY ANDERSON**



Victoria Theatre



Monday  
October 19, 2026  
10 a.m.



## Grades 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> (ages 9+)

For more than three decades, wildlife filmmaker and National Geographic explorer Casey Anderson has walked toward what most people run from: grizzlies, mountain lions, tigers, and other dangerous predators. In **AMONG WILD PREDATORS**, Casey takes us on a powerful visual and emotional journey into the hearts of these animals, and into our own hearts as well. Through breathtaking encounters and deeply personal stories, he dismantles the myths that have fueled humanity's fear of predators and reveals what they truly are: mirrors of our own courage, empathy, and survival.

**VITAL IMPACTS**

in collaboration with **changemaker**

This talk is part of the **Vital Impacts Student Speaker Series**, presented in collaboration with Changemaker Talent. These compelling talks blend storytelling with award-winning imagery to bring to life the biodiversity crisis and the people and programs working toward a sustainable future.

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- FINE ARTS
- SCIENCE
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Wednesday  
November 4, 2026  
9:30 & 11:30 a.m.




**Grades K to 6<sup>th</sup>** (ages 5+)

**Produced by Paul Adams Productions, Inc.**

Dr. T-Rex is a well-versed paleontologist who is also a ton of laughs! His one-of-a kind, hilarious show, is jam-packed with unexpected surprises and amazing information with lots of prehistoric mischief and mayhem thrown in just for fun. Using his six totally realistic and life-like dinosaur puppets and lots of audience participation, Dr. T-Rex shows children and adults why “it stinks to be extinct.” From the moment Dr. T-Rex leaps on-stage, you are on ***THE DINOSAUR QUEST OF DR. T-REX!***

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Wednesday  
January 27, 2027  
9:30 & 11:30 a.m.



**Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> (ages 8+)**

**Produced by GreatWorks Theatre Company**

A gifted ensemble of actors presents the greatest hits in Greek mythology – in under one hour! Creation myths such as Pandora’s Box, Persephone, Narcissus, and Prometheus jostle for space with a bunch of other characters and tales, with the presentation wrapping up with a 10-minute version of *The Odyssey* – complete with a googly-eyed Cyclops! This brand new, fast-paced, raucous comedy is a perfect addition to your school’s mythology unit.



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ELA FINE ARTS SCIENCE SEL

Friday  
February 5, 2027  
9:30 & 11:30 a.m.



**Grades PreK to 3<sup>rd</sup>** (ages 5+)

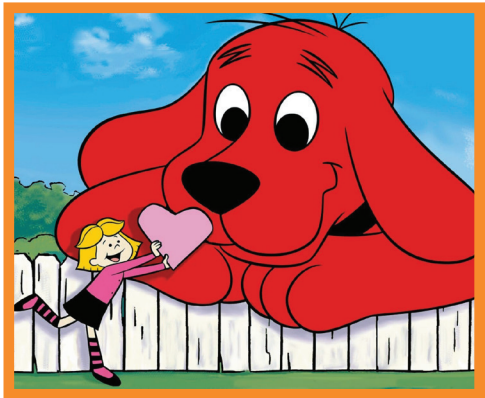
**Created and produced by Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia**

*OCEAN BLUE* is a breathtaking theatrical journey through the wonders of our planet’s oceans. When Charlie, a young crab longing for a different life, is suddenly swept into danger, he tumbles into the mysterious depths of “The Gully,” a deep-sea trench in the Atlantic Ocean. His unexpected plunge launches an unforgettable adventure across the Atlantic, Arctic, and Pacific Oceans, where he travels alongside migrating whales and sea turtles and encounters extraordinary marine life. As Charlie learns to survive, adapt, and outsmart danger beneath the waves, he discovers that courage, kindness, and friendship can change the course of even the smallest creature’s life. Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia brings this epic underwater world to life through spectacular puppetry, immersive design, dynamic digital projection, and captivating original music.



A teal-colored panel featuring a circular image of the Victoria Theatre building with a red play button icon overlaid. Below the image is the text 'Victoria Theatre'. At the bottom, there are four circular icons representing subjects: ELA (blue), FINE ARTS (purple), SCIENCE (orange), and SEL (green).

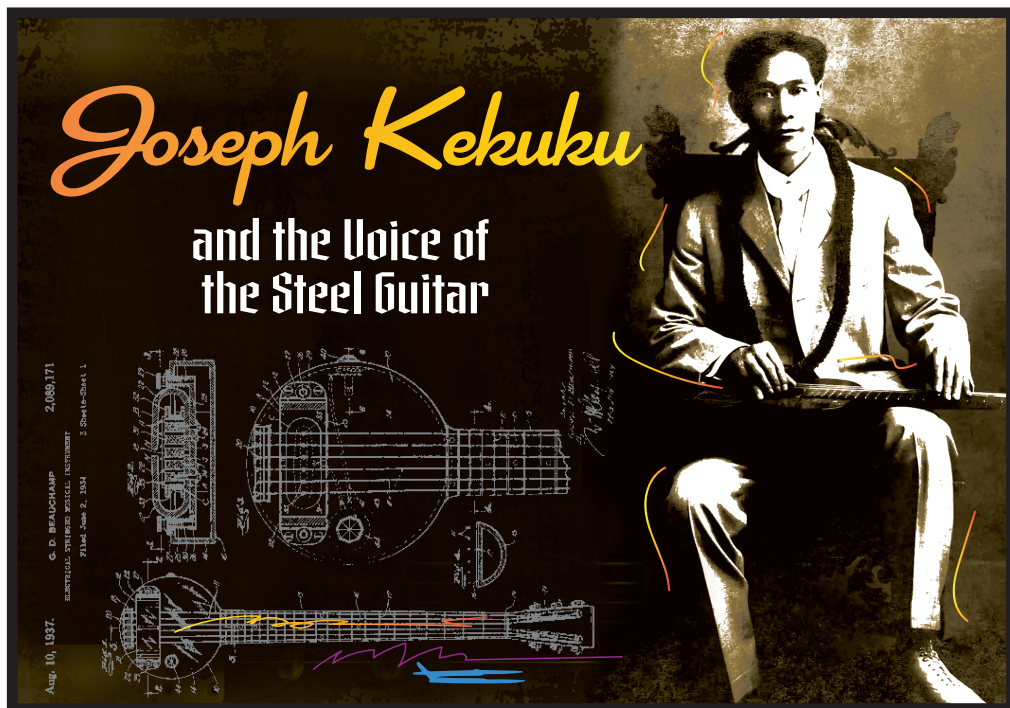

Thursday  
February 11, 2027  
9:30 & 11:30 a.m.



**Grades PreK to 6<sup>th</sup> (ages 5+)**

**Produced by TheatreWorksUSA.**

Everyone’s favorite Big Red Dog, Clifford, bounds onto the stage in a brand-new musical comedy adventure that celebrates friendship, imagination, and the magic of unconditional love! Emily Elizabeth absolutely adores her new puppy – the tiny red runt of the litter. But when her GIANT love makes Clifford grow into a GIANT, the family must trade their cramped city apartment for a home on Birdwell Island – where folks aren’t so sure about a house-sized, playful pup. Worried his colossal clumsiness is keeping Emily Elizabeth from making friends, Clifford wishes he never grew so big – and it works! He enjoys a fur-tastic small-dog-sized day... until his adventurous BFF and her new island friends get stuck in a place from which only a BIG red dog can save them. **CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG – THE MUSICAL** is full of extra-large laughs, joy, and love. It’s the paw-fect show for Clifford's growing young fans – and nostalgic teachers who remember him, too.

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- FINE ARTS
- HISTORY
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL STUDIES

Friday  
February 26, 2027  
9:30 & 11:30 a.m.



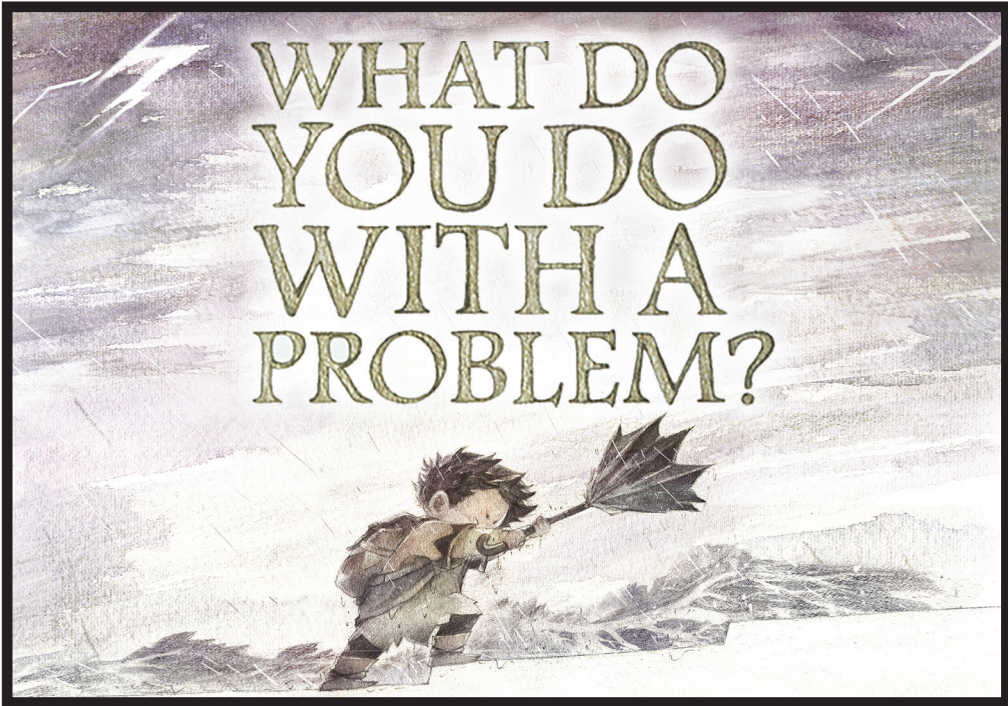
**Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> (ages 7+)**

**Produced by Honolulu Theatre for Youth**

It's the late 1800s. It's a time of invention – trains, steamboats, cameras, even electricity is new at the King's palace in Honolulu. An 11-year-old Native Hawaiian boy accidentally strikes the strings of his guitar with a bolt from a railroad track and unlocks a brand-new sound. Hawaiian music – and the music of America – is never the same. Based on a true story, this new play traces the incredible invention of the steel guitar from the taro fields to vaudeville halls to blues, country, rock and roll music, and beyond. With a thrilling live slide guitar soundtrack and projections, this production celebrates innovation, engineering, and the global exchange of ideas and sound. It tells the real-life story of Joseph Kekuku as well as the story of the annexation of Hawaii and the movement of young people from the island to the continent and, sometimes, back home again. Rich in history, the play also looks forward, and encourages children of today to celebrate their voice, culture, and sense of curiosity.

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ELA

FINE ARTS

HEALTH

SEL


Friday  
April 23, 2027  
9:30 & 11:30 a.m.



**Grades PreK to 3<sup>rd</sup> (ages 5+)**

Produced by Inlet Dance Theatre

A dance theatre adaptation of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller by Kobi Yamada, **WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A PROBLEM?** is a powerful story for all ages about a child facing a persistent problem. At first, the problem feels overwhelming, growing larger the more it’s ignored. But when the child bravely confronts it, the problem reveals unexpected possibilities. This moving production invites audiences to see challenges in a new light – reminding us that within every problem may lie a hidden opportunity... and a chance to discover something meaningful about ourselves.



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FINE ARTS SCIENCE SOCIAL STUDIES

Friday  
May 7, 2027  
9:30 & 11:30 a.m.



**Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> (ages 7+)**

**Conceived and performed by Kevin Cornell**

Are you ready to make some noise and explore **THE SOUNDS OF SCIENCE**? Join Mister C's Science Crew as he uses humor and the engineering design process to create a one-of-a-kind experience that will have students engaged and excited to explore the wonders of sound! **THE SOUNDS OF SCIENCE** showcases the power of vibrations, Ruben's tube, Doppler effect, and so many more sound-tastic experiments to help strengthen students' physics knowledge! This show will resonate with audiences of all ages and will have everyone learning and singing to the tune of science!

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**REQUEST TICKETS**

# TEACHERS' LOUNGE



Teachers, we know how important it is that you get out every now and then to take some time to celebrate YOU! That's why we created the **TEACHERS' LOUNGE** – a place where teachers can come together and enjoy a night out at the Schuster Center.

Scheduled throughout the year, the **TEACHERS' LOUNGE** features special discounted tickets to our Dayton Live Broadway Series performances. As your host, we will provide you with delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages before the show. VIP access to this experience is given to our Discovery Series Teachers. If you are interested in attending, keep an eye out for an email invitation from [discovery@daytonlive.org](mailto:discovery@daytonlive.org) during the season.

## DAYTON LIVE'S SENSORY INCLUSIVE PERFORMANCES



Dayton Live is committed to making sure everyone in our community can enjoy live performances in our theatres. One of the important initiatives in that commitment is providing sensory inclusive performances.

These productions are part of Dayton Live's [\*Children's Theatre Series Sponsored By Dayton Children's\*](#) and are specifically designed for children and adults with an autism spectrum disorder, sensory processing diagnoses, and other special needs. You can expect a reduction of loud or jarring sounds, the absence of flashing or strobe lighting on stage, modification of house lights during the performance, and a judgment-free environment where all patrons can feel free to vocalize or move around the theatre if they need to. Additional resources have been created to help make your theatregoing experience exceptional.

### OCEAN BLUE

Sunday, January 7, 2027

2 p.m.

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### WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A PROBLEM?

Sunday, March 25, 2027

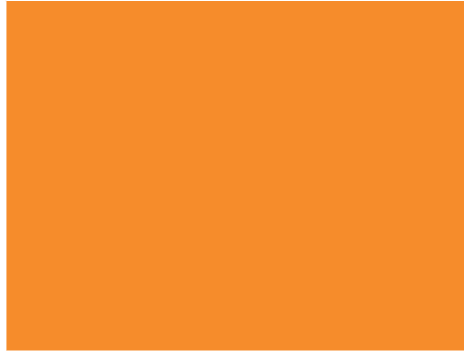
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# DAYTON LIVE CREATIVE ACADEMY

The Dayton Live Creative Academy offers a variety of professionally curated performing arts experiences for all ages. From classes for beginners, and summer camps for the adventurous, to Broadway after-school intensives for the curious, to full productions throughout the year, there are activities for everyone. Join us for fun, adventure, and creativity. This is performing arts education for **EVERYONE!** We offer scholarships, sibling discounts, and payment plans for families. To find out more, go to [daytonlive.org/creative](http://daytonlive.org/creative).



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