

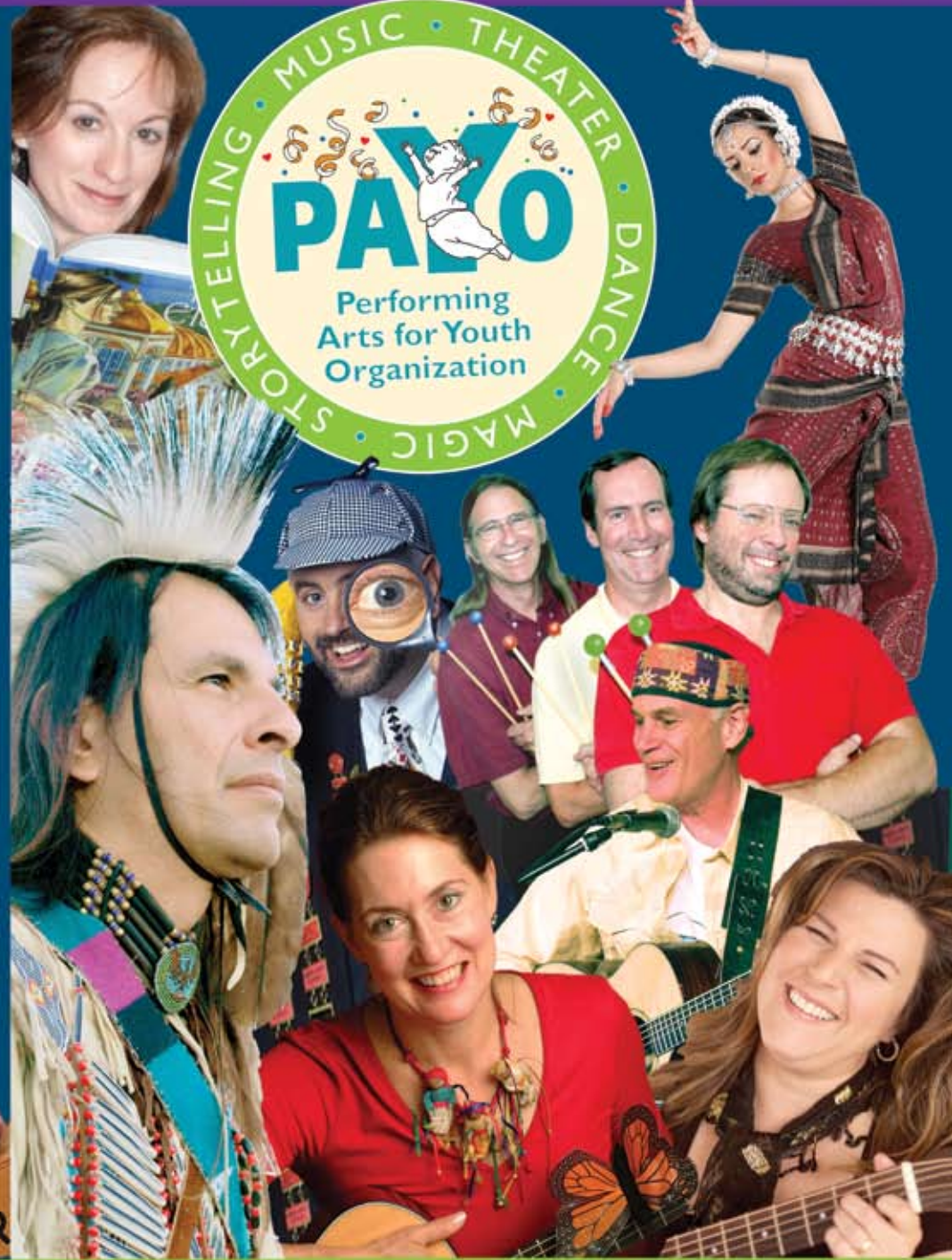
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# 2009-2010 Roster of Performers

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Educational performances, workshops and artist-in-residencies  
for schools, organizations and special events in the Pikes Peak region.



Welcome! We continue to celebrate 40 years of Performing Arts for Youth Organization!!



Please check out the PAYO website at [www.payo.org](http://www.payo.org). We have additional programs listed plus source and support materials from our performers for their programs. We will be updating the website periodically so please check frequently for the most current information. This year, we have included on our website a sign up to receive our PAYO e-newsletter and also a link for booking your performance requests online. Thanks again to all our amazing donors and sponsors who continue to support PAYO through 40 years of continuous programming in the Pikes Peak region.

*I look forward to hearing from you!*

Kristin Jasperse  
Program Director



I am pleased to introduce three new performers to our performer roster. **Michael Stanwood**, a veteran performer for children joins us to present "Sound Ideas" through his collection of instruments from around the world. Acclaimed author **Connie Martin** will be offering a theatrical portrayal of her book "The Quest for Eloshidi". And local favorite **Heartsong** shares the gift of song through lively, sing-along songs. Also, look for the "NEW PROGRAM" icon throughout the brochure designating new offerings by your favorite artists.

### PERFORMING ARTS FOR YOUTH ORGANIZATION

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(719) 634-4300 email: [performingartsforyouth@gmail.com](mailto:performingartsforyouth@gmail.com)  
Booking Hours: 10am-2pm Mondays thru Thursdays or by email.

### 2009-10 PAYO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PAYO has a strong commitment to offering curriculum based programming for schools. A Colorado state flag indicates that a performer's program content adheres to Colorado Model Content Standards in specific subject areas.



## Scheduling Your PAYO Performance is Easy...

- 1 Select the performer and performance(s) you are interested in.
- 2 Obtain or create necessary funding. Check your organization's schedule and the availability of your performance venue.
- 3 Contact PAYO's Kristin Jasperse by phone or email with questions or to book the performance(s) of your choice.
- 4 Schedule & promote your event!

### PAYO PRICING

**One Performance**  
*A single performance at a school or venue.*

**Two Performances**  
*Two performances at a school or venue, with less than 45 minutes between performances.*

## Funding Support Available!

### Underserved Schools

Schools with Title 1 status and other low-income schools are eligible for a credit of \$195 toward a free performance from the PAYO roster.

### Anti-Bullying

PAYO offers several performers with programs that focus on decreasing "bullying" behaviors and creating communities that care. The first Anti-Bullying Program is free, if additional performances are needed, the Two Performance price is \$175.



*Look for this symbol for programs receiving funding.*

### Environmental Stewardship

Colorado Springs Utilities is funding several PAYO performers who offer programs that focus on water conservation, recycling and alternative energy sources.



*Look for this symbol for programs receiving funding.*

### Wierman Scholarship Fund

A memorial fund has been established in honor of Mary Wierman, a former District 11 school board member and long time supporter and board member of PAYO. D11 schools with Title 1 status & additional low-income schools are eligible for a credit towards a free performance from the PAYO roster.

## Artist in Residence Programs



*Look for this symbol.*

Can you imagine your students creating puppet plays based on historical characters? Or choreographing dances from geometry lessons? How about composing music from found objects? In an Artist Residency, students create alongside a teaching artist to imagine, think, create, and execute a work of art. Look for the artists in our brochure who offer artist in residence programs.

For more information, contact Kristin at 634-4300 or see our website [www.payo.org](http://www.payo.org).

### 3 NEW ADDITIONS TO PAYO'S ROSTER!

PAYO is excited to add *Michael Stanwood*, *Connie Martin* and *Heidi Cooper* to our palette of quality performers available for your school or event.

#### Michael Stanwood

A former musical goodwill ambassador for the U.S. State Department, and five time winner of *Westword Magazine's Best of Denver* for his recordings and performances, Michael brings a joy and excitement to this popular presentation.

#### Sound Ideas

Lessons in geography, social studies, languages, even clothing, all through the back door of the wondrous musical instruments that Michael has collected in his travels. A Khaen, a Didgeridu, Angklung; he plays them all and wants you to play them as well in this unique, interactive, and often hilarious program. K-5

**One Performance—\$330 Two—\$600**



#### Connie Martin

Published author Connie Martin has performed her book for children across 4 states, encouraging them to fly on the wings of their own imagination into the wonderful world of books.

#### The Quest for Eloshidii

Enter the realm of Eloshidii from Connie's latest book, to meet a princess who must endure 4 dangerous quests, find her missing brother, and learn what makes a person truly great and noble. Watch Connie bring her characters to life in this delightful and engaging program. K-5

**One Performance—\$220  
Two—\$330**



#### Heidi Cooper

Heidi Cooper enjoys performing for children and encourages singing loudly and thinking about how each of us makes a unique difference in the world. Heidi brings songs about recycling and the creatures of the planet (including people creatures and their cultures around the world) and also invites one of her musical friends along with each visit either playing guitar, African drum or fiddle.

#### Heartsong

Heidi Cooper and her friends share their heartsong about how to care for the planet and create friendship with people around the world with fun, lively, and singable songs. Pre-K-5

**One Performance—\$220  
Two—\$300**



#### Tejas Hemsell

Tejas Hemsell will mesmerize your students with her presentation of Odissi Dance, a form of Indian Classical Dance that began as a sacred temple dance and is now a major part of East Indian culture. Tejas has been studying Indian dance, both in the US and in India since she was 6 years old.

#### Indian Classical Dance

This program is in a lecture-demonstration format with both live performance and educating students about Indian Classical dance and storytelling as well as audience participation.... a marvelous way to learn and experience the rich culture of India!!

**One Performance—\$195 Two—\$330**



## Beth Epley

Beth Epley has degrees in both theater and elementary education. She travels nationally, but spends most of her time trotting up and down the Front Range telling stories to many children.

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## Get Over Your Big Bad Self

ANTI-BULLY

Explore positive possibilities through provoking problems. Discover ways of redirecting negative energy into positive action. This program implements the HA HA SO method of dealing with bullies using stories, silly songs, and "roll" play. Giggle your way toward solutions as we all try to "Get Over Our Big Bad Self"

## Donna & Tom Hatton

Donna Hatton is one of the top female cowboy poets in the U.S. and has won many awards both locally and nationally. She is accompanied in performance by her husband Tom. Throughout their concerts, the Hattons joyfully weave a rich mixture of stories, poetry, and music.

## A Cowboy's Legacy

Through an array of musical accompaniment, storytelling and poetry, the Hattons weave the tale of the history of western expansion into the territorial United States... a poignant look back into the lives of immigrants and the Great American Cowboy.

One Performance—\$220 Two—\$350



## NEW PROGRAM

## Color the Earth – The Human Habitat Hopes for Health



Hand in hand we can Color the Earth with awareness and action. Naturally, presiding over the saturating silliness, Mother Nature will impart conservation tips woven into games, songs, and stories. This hilarious show is 100% biodegradable! Pre-K–5

## Bug Off!

Come and dance with ants in your pants! Now is your chance to discover fun facts about arachnids, insects, and all things creepy crawly. Giggle and wiggle as we invite those persistent pests to Bug Off!

## Don't be a Drip: Go with the Flow



Water is our most valuable resource. Our bodies are made of water. Our food is dependant on water. We are surrounded by water! Get ready to go with the flow and experience songs, games, and stories that celebrate conservation and practical water use.

One Performance—\$195 Two—\$350

## Manitou Art Theatre

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## Jim Jackson

For more than 20 years, Jim Jackson has performed his own original style of theatrics, circus, and comedy in schools throughout Colorado. Jim is a published playwright, theater director, and teacher.

## Art Guffaw

Using original puppetry, magic, juggling, mime, and comedy, Mr. Guffaw brings to life the world of painting and drawing.

## Busker & Me

While Jim traveled with the Hoxie Bros. Circus as a clown and juggler, his constant companion was "Busker" a delightful troublemaker, known by all "as a pretty good dog, but not a great dog." Join the circus in this marvelous tale of a hapless clown and his small dog that somersaulted his way to fame and fortune.



Theater 2, 3, 6

One Performance—\$275 Two—\$440



## A Nose for Space

## NEW PROGRAM

Mr. Guffaw (Jim Jackson) dreams of traveling to the Moon, but will his amazing rocket ship ever get off the ground? This fun adventure is filled with far-out frivolity and serious "scientific facts". Many of them are even true! With live music by Benjamin Pratt.

One Performance—\$350 Two—\$600



## Birgitta De Pree

Birgitta earned her MFA in Performance and has appeared at venues throughout the country. Birgitta also directs, writes, teaches, and runs the Manitou Art Theatre with husband Jim Jackson.

## The Emperor's New Clothes and other Ugly Ducks

Enjoy humorous adaptations of Hans Christian Andersen's most popular fairy tales. Puppetry, magic, music, and physical comedy paint these simple tales with fresh colors befitting Andersen's recent 200th birthday!

## Elephant

Poignant true-life accounts of elephants and memories of childhood in Africa, are woven together in tales of unforgettable characters, surprising events and those remarkable pachyderms.



**Katherine Dines**

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Songwriter, recording and teaching artist Katherine Dines performs throughout the world. She is committed to creating what she calls the "4EEE's" - Exciting, Entertaining, Educational Experiences for all who attend.

### Weird, Wild & Wacky Words - A Language Adventure!

Join Katherine for this wild and wacky adventure through song! Pronouns, adjectives, punctuation, vowels, Sign Language, reading, writing and more are taught through music, visual props, movement, and active participation. K-5

### Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta GROW!

Designed to help develop pre-literacy, fine and gross motor skills and other learning skills, this program is designed to motivate minds and activate bodies of young children ages 3-6. Stories, songs, fingerplays, and movement make up this interactive and FUN presentation!! Pre-K-1st

### Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta Chants Can Dance!

Chants and simple songs collected from around the globe that actively involve audiences with singing and movement. Your students will be movin' and groovin' while they learn about different cultures through song and dance. K-5

One Performance-\$375 Two-\$550



**Christopher Maier**

Multi-talented writer and performer, Christopher Maier has professional experience as a flamenco dancer, actor, poet, playwright, and professor of speech. Christopher blends literary and performing arts in story-programs that entertain as they educate.

### Gypsy Dreams, Daring Deeds

Bravery by children can show up in ordinary and mythical settings. Journey with a Spanish gypsy boy as he leaves his cave to climb to the 100th floor of the King's castle and solve a riddle, meet a girl who cares for an Irish dragon, or feel the bravery of a Japanese boy who uses his ift for drawing to rescue a whole country from fear. Stories vary to match the grade level.

### Original Folktales

Inspire young authors with this celebration of creative writing from original stories based on world folktales from each of the continents.

Reading & Writing 6, Geography 4



One Performance-\$275 Two-\$400 Full Day-\$650

More Shows Listed www.payo.org



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**Charles Sjolander**

Charles Sjolander has been writing original songs for over 25 years. A musical director and performer in a variety of local venues, his interest in education brings him to performing for children.

### The Gravity Show

Chicken Little meets Sir Isaac Newton - objects fall from the sky - with original songs, science experiments, juggling and drama this program celebrates gravity with lots of audience participation and heavy doses of science and fun. Science 1, 4



### The Dr. Seuss Show - Celebrating 100+ Years

A celebration of the magic of Dr. Seuss books through original songs, storytelling, and juggling.

One Performance-\$200 Two-\$300

Costumed in a Mother Goose style story dress with pockets filled with visuals to intrigue young and old, Molly conducts delightful journeys along the fiction highway. Take flights of fancy and trips with this teller of tall tales.



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**Molly Harris**

### Stories to Go

Molly shares stories and literature from an extensive repertoire of fables, multicultural folk tales, family life, and humorous offerings from the heart of a storyteller who loves children.

### Ready! Set! Go! Creative Writing

An Artist-in-Residence "Funshop" of two 90-minute sessions for each home-room size group. This funshop provides lots of active participation in creative writing which successfully supplements curriculum and provides a unique approach to reinforce basic skills, spark imagination, and build more confidence. Goals and objectives of this funshop are geared toward the Six Traits requirements. Proposals with complete goals and objectives are available on request.

One Performance-\$200 Two-\$305



## Patti Smithsonian

Award-winning puppeteer Patti Smithsonian has presented entertaining educational performances to audiences for more than 20 years.

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### What In The World!!!

Every time we buy something new it impacts our environment. Using puppets and audience interaction, this fun program teaches the origin and future of our everyday purchases.

### Hello Earth



Familiar fairy tales take on an environmental twist to promote recycling and conservation. "Red Riding Hood" explains to the woodchopper how the animals need the forests. The Three Little Pigs decide that disposable houses aren't for them! The Ants and the Grasshopper Learn to enjoy life.

One Performance—\$245 Two—\$385

### Coyote's Eyeball - And - Stories Of The Constellations

Hand puppets and giant 5ft. shadow puppet animations enact worldwide stories of the constellations. Learn where and when to find the stars in the sky. Legends from ancient Greece, Native America, and China will be included.

One Performance—\$360 Two—\$495

More Shows Listed  
[www.payo.org](http://www.payo.org)



## John Stansfield



Help meet state and national educational standards with veteran storyteller and performer John Stansfield through entertaining and informative programs and workshops.

### Victory Over Violence - Folkstories of Creative Problem Solving -

For centuries, entertaining folktales from many cultures have emphasized creative thinking in solving personal and community problems. This program features several traditional stories from around the world that highlight creative alternatives to violence and bullying, along with a discussion of the choices made by the characters in the stories.

### Multicultural Folktales & Ballads

Featuring traditional stories from America and around the world, including "Stories from the Mountains and Steppes - Facts and Folklore from Central Asia."

Reading & Writing 1, 4, 6;  
Geography 2, 4, 6

One Performance—\$220  
Two—\$300

## Inspector Magic

Mark Weidhaas has been captivating audiences with his magical adventures as Inspector Magic for over 20 years. He is the Society of American Magicians' Worldwide Membership Chairman and Worldwide 2nd Vice-President with plans to be the Worldwide President in 2010, representing over 7,000 magicians in 50 countries.



### Run-Away Imagination Magic Show

NEW PROGRAM

Watch as paintings come to life, a signed playing card teleports inside a balloon with the help of the audience, and the audience gets to play the part of their favorite super-hero! Inspector Magic even makes sparks of imagination and light appear from within the children! This captivating program will motivate children of all ages to believe in themselves and have the confidence to succeed at any endeavor they choose as they imagine what possibilities lay ahead for them, and plan to succeed.

One Performance—\$350 Two—\$550

### Survivor Bully-Proof

Students are invited to play the "Survivor" reality game and they quickly learn that competing tribes can't win against bully behavior... but one community working together can! Messages about courage, respect, responsibility, caring, community, diversity, acceptance, and teacher appreciation are discussed and demonstrated through magical entertainment. Students will learn how to select positive good friends. They will become Empowered, Survivors, and Winners... and bullies will be revealed as the "weakest link."

One Performance—\$300 Two—\$500



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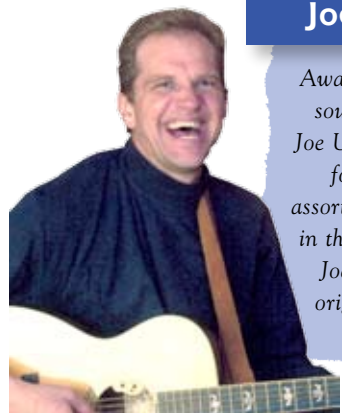
## Merry-Andrew Afoot

For 20 years Leroy Leonard's creative spirit has sparked the love of reading in elementary schools, libraries and festivals. A grant recipient from the Colorado Council for the Arts, Leroy was voted runner-up for "Best Children's Entertainment" by Colorado Parent Magazine. His skills have garnered him numerous honors and the respect of teachers in three states.

### Full-Day Drama Deluge

Award winning Merry-Andrew Afoot offers a full day of literacy related plays and Creative Dramatics workshops. Choose from play titles such as Stone Soup, Johnny Appleseed, and more... and fill-in the rest of the day with workshops in which your students bring the stories to life! Programs can be designed to complement your literacy curriculum. From one to four performances for the same price!

One to Four Performances —\$440



## Joe Uveges

Award winning songwriter and southern Colorado favorite, Joe Uveges has been performing for 16 years with a wide assortment of folk/folk-rock acts in the Rocky Mountain region. Joe has released 3 CD's of original material, including "Promise of Portage."



### Spaceship: EARTH

Through original songs and rap, amazing technological "looping" devices and boundless imagination, this program discusses earth facts, solar systems, water cycles, and conservation, all within the context of imagining the earth as our spaceship and we are the crew! *Geography 1-4, Science 3-4*

**One Performance—\$275 Two—\$355**

## The TallTrees

Chief Robert and Terri Lynn TallTree have captivated audiences around the world with their performances. Best-selling authors, storytellers, and world renowned recording artists, they have appeared on PBS, the BBC, and The Discovery Channel.



### Walking in Wisdom

Appearing in breathtaking traditional attire, The TallTrees immerse their audience in the tranquility and humor of Native American culture. The TallTrees weave their magic through stories, music, drumming, positive messages on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, bullying, cultural diversity, literacy, and respect for the Earth and all living things.

**One Performance—\$395 Two—\$600**



## Black Hands Drum Ensemble

### African Drumming

Prepare for high energy drumming and dancing with this dynamic ensemble. The spirit of Africa as it impacted the Americas is featured through West African rhythms, songs, dance, storytelling, folktales, and African American spirituals.

**One Performance—\$375 Two—\$550**



Join Black Hands for demonstration of Black Culture from the African to the American Continents.



## The Marimba Trio



Marimba Trio members perform regularly with the Colorado Symphony and other Front Range classical and popular music groups. Along with their 50+ percussion instruments from around the world, the Marimba Trio's programs are informative and entertaining.

### Percussion Around the World

Focusing on the huge international scope of percussion, this program traces drumming from its origins in the ancient African tribes and follows its migration through Europe and Asia to the Americas, including the island of Trinidad and its boisterous steel drum festival.



### 100 Years of Pikes Peak Music-Making

Experience the history of the Pikes Peak region from the Broadmoor's Grand Ballroom to a cattle ranch square dance. Hear the many musical styles and percussion instruments indigenous to the West, and brought along by the many settlers from miners to recent armed forces retirees.

## The Organic Nature of Percussion NEW PROGRAM

Using found objects to construct instruments, using the sounds all around us as inspiration for music and dance, join The Marimba Trio as they demonstrate how music has been made for thousands of years by utilizing common materials in the environment and tuning into the sounds of the natural world. The world around us is inspiration for all kinds of music-making that connects all cultures and eras. Learn how you too can make instruments and music!

**One Performance—\$395 Two—\$500**

*Music 4, 5; History 3, 4; Reading & Writing 1*

## Magic with a Message

Bruce Black is an award-winning magician who performs a wide variety of magic and has a Bachelors in Education.



*"Students learned valuable lessons from the Water-Wise Show - I'd recommend it to others!"*



## Water-Wise, The Magic of Water Conservation

This fun-filled show demonstrates the importance of saving water, especially during times of drought. Students learn ways to make a difference.

### The Magic of Recycling

This program uses fun and motivational magic to demonstrate and reinforce ways children can recycle, save water, and protect the environment.

### The Right Choice

A motivational magic show that uses fun magic to teach children ways to say "NO!" and avoid the temptations of drugs and alcohol.

### The Magic of Reading

The power of reading is emphasized in this delightful magic ride through the world of literature.

**One Performance--\$220 Two--\$375**

## Paul Fiorino

Denver's Ballet Arts Theatre soloist, Paul Fiorino presents a dynamic program for all ages.

### NEW PROGRAM

## Peter and the Wolf

The musical tale of "Peter and the Wolf" comes to life with your students playing a part in the wonderful adventures of Peter and the beloved animal cast of characters. Paul Fiorino will cast, costume, and direct the students in an engaging reenactment of this well-loved and delightful story.

### Dance in Flight

Discover the relationship of sports to ballet and choreography, and how dance involves many aspects of our everyday lives.

**One Performance--\$275  
Two--\$440**

## PAYO Collaborations

### Colorado Springs Children's Chorale

**Tis the Season-Making Spirits Bright**  
December 6 3pm  
Pikes Peak Center

**A Classical Afternoon**  
Sunday, April 18  
Time & Location TBA

**All City Boychoir Festival**  
Festival: January 27-30  
Concert: Sat, January 30  
Time & Location TBA

**Really Great Britain on Broadway!**  
Sunday, June 6 3pm  
Pikes Peak Center

### Butterflies and Friends Project

PAYO is pleased and proud to be a part of this project along with the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs and Imagination Celebration. Butterflies and Friends is a Rotary Club initiative to promote arts learning in schools. This year's recipients are Hunt Elementary and West Elementary schools in District 11 that are affected by district reorganization. For more information go to: [www.artsandfriends.org](http://www.artsandfriends.org)

### Colorado Springs Dance Theatre

**Dance Dessert and Dreams**  
November 8, 2009 2pm  
Cossitt Hall - Colorado College  
Showcasing talented student dancers in the Pikes Peak region

**Success of the Springs**  
April 3, 2010 7:30pm  
Armstrong Hall - Colorado College  
Featuring professional dancers who began their dance training in Colorado Springs.

### Kids in Motion

This award winning program brings after school dance classes to students in underserved schools. This year classes will be held at Stratton and Wilson Elementary Schools along with a community class on Saturdays. Contact Beth Carlson at 634-0907

## Youth in the Arts Breakfast

Celebrate the collaboration of four vital arts organizations that serve the youth of the Pikes Peak region. The Colorado Springs Children's Chorale, Colorado Springs Youth Symphony, Imagination Celebration, and Performing Arts for Youth Organization join forces every year in this event that fosters arts-in-education for the youth of our community. This fundraiser is held every June with the proceeds equally divided among these four organizations. Please call the PAYO office at 634-4300 for information on how to participate. *Thank you for your support!*

## Thank You!

*Thanks to the following for their generous support of PAYO's programming for the youth of the Pikes Peak region:*

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