



**Performing
Arts for Youth
Organization**



Booking Hours 10am-2pm Mon-Thurs
Call (719)634-4300
Email anytime to
performingartsforyouth@gmail.com
Book online at www.payo.org

Roster of Performers



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



Welcome to Performing Arts for Youth Organization!

Several PAYO artists have put together artist-in-residencies (AIR) for PAYO. An artist-in-residency provides an in depth, hands on, art-making experience for your students. Students work side by side with a PAYO artist creating all types of works of art including puppet-making, songwriting, learning magic tricks, creating and performing a drama, etc. Or you choose! Do you have a performance idea that you would like to try with your students but don't know where to begin? Our PAYO artists have years of experience creating art with and for children. The sky's the limit! An AIR can last for one day or up to a week. **Watch for a special announcement about our Artist in Residence program in January of 2012.** Call PAYO for details at 719-634-4300.

We will be updating our website periodically so please check frequently for the most current information at www.payo.org. You may use the convenient booking form available on our website to schedule a performance.

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. We look forward to hearing from you!



Kristin Jasperse
Program Director

PERFORMING ARTS FOR YOUTH ORGANIZATION

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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.



For more information, contact PAYO at 634-4300 or www.payo.org

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.

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Environmental Stewardship

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



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CALL PAYO OFFICE TO CHECK
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING.
719-634-4300

Artist in Residence

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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. **Special funding will be available in 2012.** Please call for an application in January.

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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, Angklungs; he plays them all and wants you to play them as well in this unique, interactive, and often hilarious program. K-5

One Performance—\$350

Two—\$650



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 Performing Author

Join Connie as she tells the magical tale of her original published story "The Quest for Eloshidii". Connie's enthralling performance will delight and entertain your students as she literally brings the book to life right before your eyes! Original artwork from the book will be shown and the author is available to talk to students about the publishing process. K-8

A Spin Around the World

Pack your bags for a trip around the world through your imagination! Connie spins 2 delightful yarns from China, Egypt, England, Africa, and America. Choose any two for your presentation. K-8

The Dinosaur Dance

Connie brings this original riotous tale to life about a boy who discovers a cave of dinosaur bones and sees them come to life! The children will chant and dance with the glitzy southern tail-swinging T-Rex! K-3

One Performance—\$140

Two—\$220



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Heidi Cooper

Heidi Cooper enjoys performing for children and encourages 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). Heidi 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

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

On the Trail to Colorado, Irish immigrant Jane Colburn (portrayed by Hatton) comes to the Americas in 1862. Her journey takes her across the continent during the Civil War into the generations of her family through to the present day.



One Performance—\$95

Two—\$175

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New Program

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

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Explore positive possibilities through provoking problems. Discover ways of redirecting negative energy into positive action. Using stories, silly song, and “roll” play, this program teaches how to deal with bullies through playful imagination. Giggle your way toward solutions as we all try to “Get Over Our Big Bad Self”.

Imaginations Run Wild

Get ready for a wild time of fundipulous fun as Beth Epley celebrates animals and their animal families through stories and songs. Get ready to shake, rattle, and roar as imaginations run wild.

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 dependent 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—\$330

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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.



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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.

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

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.

One Performance—\$275 Two—\$440



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.

Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta Wiggle

A special movement program especially for wiggly toddlers through five year olds. Chanting and moving, small and gross motor skills, and original singable songs.

Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta Boo!

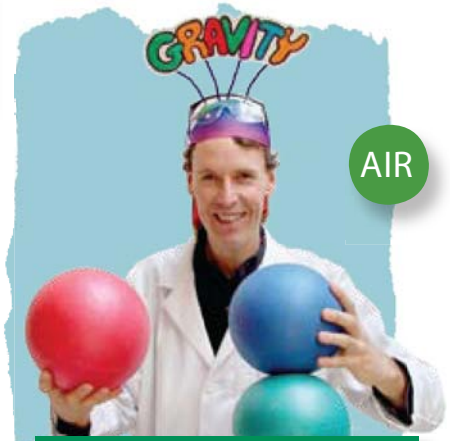
Interactive songs, stories, and chants that involve audiences of all ages through sixth grade.

One Performance—\$375 Two—\$550

Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta World

A global musical adventure with multi-instrumentalist Brian Mullins and percussionist Ed Contreras. With songwriter Katherine Dines, the Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta Band performs songs, stories, chants, and music from around the world. Highly interactive!

Special Pricing - \$650 for one/\$850 for two



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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

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

One Performance—\$220 Two—\$330

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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 5 ft. 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



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 -

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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

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Inspector Magic

Mark Weidhaas has been captivating audiences with his magical adventures as Inspector Magic for over 20 years.

He is the past president of the Society of American Magicians representing over 7000 magicians in fifty countries.



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Lobster Tales

Magical Stories to encourage good stewardship of the planet. With the aid of magic, humor, puppetry and storytelling, students will become motivated to make proper choices to protect our natural resources and clean water. Don't be crabby, be responsible and make a difference in the world!

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—\$480

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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

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.



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





The Marimba Trio

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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 drum - ming 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

Using found objects to construct instruments, using the sounds all around us as inspiration for music and dance. The Marimba Trio demonstrates 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

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-\$325 Two-\$480



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Magic with a Message

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



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 magical ride through the world of literature.

One Performance—\$220 Two—\$330

Paul Fiorino

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

Peter and the Wolf

This much beloved story is recreated by your students under the direction Paul Fiorino, a 35 year veteran of the stage. Mr. Fiorino provides all masks, costumes, and staging for performers.

One Performance—\$330
Two—\$550

Dance in Flight

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

One Performance—\$220
Two—\$330



Richard Marold

Richard Marold has portrayed historical figures for over twelve years, including Winfield Scott Stratton, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Nikola Tesla. Richard is the author of several historical books and is also the editor of Cheyenne Mountain Kiva, a journal on central Colorado history. He has a master's degree in humanities from Penn State University.



A Visit with Johnny Appleseed

Enjoy a visit with Johnny Appleseed - a program designed for children. Johnny Appleseed appears in his native attire with a sack of apples over his shoulder. The program encourages children to use their imagination about a time which is much different from their own. It involves simple facts about American history, and allows them to participate with questions and answers. In most cases the children have heard of Johnny Appleseed and enjoy talking with him in person.

One Performance—\$250 Two—\$300

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PAYO Collaborations

Colorado Springs Children's Chorale Concerts

Call 633-3562 for additional information

'Tis the Season - Somewhere in My Memory

Saturday, Dec 10, 2011 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Cheyenne Mountain High School

Tickets \$10 to \$18

Summit by Candlelight

Saturday, Dec 17, 2011 7:00 pm

Broadmoor Community Church

Tickets \$10

Sing - Raise the Roof Boychoir Festival

Saturday, Feb 25, 2012 7:00 pm

Location TBA

Tickets \$10

Carmina Burana Festival

Sunday, May 6, 2012 2 pm

America on Broadway!

Sunday, June 3, 2012

Pikes Peak Center 3 p.m.

Tickets \$9 to \$22 at the PPC Box Office

Colorado Springs Dance Theatre

Info at 630-7434

Dance, Dessert, & Dreams

Nov 13, 2011 2 pm

Armstrong Hall - Colorado College

Showcasing talented student dancers in the Pikes Peak Region

Colorado Ballet

Family Performance

Jan 27, 2012 6:00 pm

Cheyenne Mountain H. S. Theatre

A lecture, demonstration, and performance of dance by one of Colorado's most respected companies.

Ballet West II

April 28, 2012 7:30 pm

Armstrong Hall, Colorado College

This highly acclaimed touring ensemble performs a broad spectrum of dance.

Master Classes &

Scholarship Competition

April 26, 2012 7:30 pm Jazz

April 27, 2012 4:30 pm Ballet

Cossitt Hall, Colorado College

Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Concerts

For more information contact

Sue Trinko at 633-3901

"Lil Pete and the Coyote"

Sunday, Nov 6, 2011 3 pm

Monday, Nov 7, 2011 10 am & 11:15 am

Pikes Peak Center

Holiday Concert

Friday, Dec 2 8 pm

Pikes Peak Center

Carmina Burana Festival

Sunday, May 6, 2012 2 pm

Spring Concert

Sunday, May 6, 2012 6 pm

Pikes Peak Center

Kids in Motion

This award winning program, sponsored by PAYO, brings after school dance classes to students in Colorado Springs. This year classes will be held at Stratton and Wilson Elementary Schools. In addition a community class will be held on Saturdays at Colorado College.

Contact Beth Carlson
at 634-0907