

**Mohawk Valley Library System and Upper Hudson Library System present
Summer Planning Workshop 2017
Schenectady County Public Library – February 10, 2017
Performer's Showcase**

- 2:20 pm - 2:28 pm **"Rhymin Richie" Phillips**

Type of Program: "Character Ed" Related Songwriting Program

Brief Description: Children will create an original song and will record their creations. Great team working exercise!

Special Notes: Price range negotiable, \$300 - \$400 depending upon distance from capital region. Songs are also posted on huge facebook page, YouTube (with permission). CharacterConnect.com and I am working on getting those back on radio – to be determined. Song samples also on FaceBook - @characterConnect Richie.

Website: www.characterconnect.com

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- 2:30 pm- 2:38 pm **TALKING HANDS THEATRE**

Type of Program: Puppet Show

Brief Description: Talking Hands Theatre offers several different puppet shows with an environmental theme. Whale Tales is all about creatures that live in the ocean, Bugaboo Revue is about why we need bugs in gardens and what organic means, Little Superheroes is about what kids can do to save the planet, and Fairies of the Seasons follows a tree through the seasons of the year. All shows are interactive and musical.

Special Notes: Price Range: \$300 for all solo shows; \$400 for all shows with live music.

Website: www.talkinghandstheatre.com

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- 2:40 pm- 2:48 pm **SCOTTY NUT NUT**

Type of Program: Cirque Du Soleil style educational

Brief Description: We perform a super fun and educational show including the use of:

- Juggling: balls, clubs, boxes, sticks, rings, poi, diablo, swords
- Balance: unicycle, rolla bolla, hula hoop, mini bike
- Acrobatics: style called acro yoga, choreographed to music
- Balloons: (add-on) we do live balloon twistings
- Circus Play: (add-on) we bring lots of EXTRA juggling equipment for kids to play with!
- Professional sound system is included

Special Notes: Price Range: negotiable, while acceptable, MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ACTUAL PRICE RANGE: \$250-\$450 depending on service add-ons and travel between \$25 to \$50, generally 55 cents a mile. The price for the 45 minute show is \$250, balloons \$100, circus play \$100. If both balloons and circus play are chosen, the travel fee is waived. We've done around 10 shows for libraries and have had extremely good feedback!

Website: ScottyNutNut.com

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- 2:50 pm- 2:59 pm **Pirate School**

Type of Program: Children and Family shows; Teen Workshops; Adult Poetry and Literary Program.

Brief Description: David Engel offers several "action-clown" shows built on popular themes for universal appeal: *Pirate School! Jedi Academy! Wizard Academy! Dino-Safari! Willy Wonka! among others*. David's solo comedy variety acts feature rousing, immersive audience participation, antic puppetry, adept magic & bubble-play. These 60 min programs combine theatrical-grade costumes with a madcap music and special effects score, and classic clowning techniques to create a memorable library experience.

Special Notes: Price Range: negotiable, while acceptable: **\$450-\$650 all inclusive**. David Engel is a full-time, veteran family entertainer now living in New Paltz, NY. For the past 26 years he has performed at arts centers, theaters, festivals, libraries and schools across the US, Europe, the Caribbean, and Asia. Performing to an average of 50-75 libraries annually, David's aim is to support the Library as a vibrant, creative and refreshing family destination.

David also offers teen comedy and stage combat/slapstick workshops, as well as an adult poetry/literary program on the works of Shakespeare and Dylan Thomas.

Website: www.mypirateschool.com and www.davidengel.biz

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- 3:00 pm - 3:08 pm **Animal Builders**

Type of Program: Hands-on Children's Science and Nature Programs –Topics offered change every year.

Brief Description: From beavers to birds to bugs, animals build some amazing things! In this program we'll learn about the ways animals build lodges, nests, and cocoons. We'll finish with a craft activity to build a nest supply box for the birds.

Special Notes: \$150/program.

Website: www.Anitasanchez.com

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- 3:10 pm- 3:18 pm **Robert Rogers Puppet**

Type of Program: Puppet Theater

Brief Description: "Skyscraper Acres" A play about embracing the future while cherishing the past; finding a balance to build a better world. It's the story of an old farm, tended by Hank Bluejeans, whose family has worked the land season after season, as far back as anyone can remember. Well, now it's way on top of a gleaming new building that stretches to the clouds, overlooking the hustle and bustle of a busy city. How did it get there? And why?

Special Notes: \$395 for one performance. Discounts for block bookings. I do not charge a travel fee.

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- 3:20 pm- 3:28 pm **Comic Jam**

Type of Program: Community arts event, cartooning and visual narrative workshop.

Brief Description: Ira Marcks, author and illustrator from Troy, NY, hosts a 3-hour arts event where participants collaborate to create narrative based comics.

Special Notes: Price Range: \$200-\$400 (artist fee) plus mileage (\$.54 per mile, from Troy, NY)

Ira's workshop is a 3 hour session that can be arranged in two options:

- 1) A drop in event where participants stay as long as they like and work at their own pace and skill level. Ira hosts this event and participates but does not teach techniques. This option is a suited for libraries interested in higher attendance at community events and offering a casual and collaborative art event.
- 2) A preregistered workshop in which participants stay through the whole session and are instructed on narrative and illustrative cartooning techniques by Ira. This option is suited for libraries interested in offering unique creative arts education for community members interested in developing skills in narrative and visual arts.

Ira's artist fee is a sliding scale that is based on budget limitations, materials expenses, mileage, and the potential for multiple visits/sessions.

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- 3:30 pm- 3:38 pm **Traveling Farm - Lindsey Sprague**

Type of Program: Sustainability and farming, life skills, working with heritage breed animals.

Brief Description: Traveling Farm, Butterfly Release, Dig – In Gardening, Dancing with Horses, Horses 101, Horsehair Bracelets, Butterfly Wing Jewelry, Chickens Around the World, Candle Dipping, and Old Fashioned Soap. Each program is tailored for all ages and any size crowd. Focused on building an interest in nature and old fashioned sustainable skills and practices. Will result in parents and children alike pouring over books on gardening, insects, animals, and farming!

Special Notes: \$50 - \$250 depending on the program (craft and butterfly programs are charged per person). Mileage is charged separately, animal programs \$1.00 mile, others \$0.50 mile. Details listed on the NYS Performers and Programs database.

Animal programs may be done indoors or out. Outdoors a water tap is required and some form of shade or shelter for hot or inclement weather. For indoor programs I do provide a painters plastic sheet for floor protection, and animals are crated when not directly part of the program. Butterflies must have temperatures above 55 degrees to fly, and butterfly releases work best when done May – September. Block bookings are preferred and travel is discounted for locations over 100 miles from Binghamton, NY. I have 2 Albany area summer 2017 block bookings started, the week of 7/24 - 7/28, and 8/7 - 8/11.

Website: N/A, NYS Performers and Programs Database for more detailed descriptions.

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