

True North Cultural Arts

at French Creek

2010-2011 Concert & Theatre Events



French Creek Nature Center, 4530 Colorado Ave., Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

Dear Friends,

Nothing brings a region together like the arts. For the last 11 years, TrueNorth has provided Northeast Ohio with cultural, educational, and humanitarian opportunities unlike any other organization in the area. We continually feature local talent and inform countless individuals, families, and communities about self-expression through the arts. Our members come from 36 communities in six counties. TrueNorth is unique from other community art organizations in three distinct ways: partnering with other organizations in fund-raising endeavors that benefit the community at large, premiering original works, and promoting mentoring relationships within our performing ensembles.

Don't miss our upcoming theatre season filled with love, laughter, suspense and drama featuring: *Altar Boyz*; *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Steel Magnolias*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, *The 9th Ship: Battle of Lake Erie*; and *Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Join the hundreds attending TrueNorth Cultural Arts each weekend.

TrueNorth at French Creek is a beautiful state of the art performance center nestled in the heart of 400 acres of Lorain County Metro Parks woodland along the French Creek in Sheffield Village, 25 minutes west from downtown Cleveland, Rt. 611, off of I-90.



Come experience TrueNorth... Get your tickets today! Read on to find how you can be a season ticket holder and a patron of the arts at TrueNorth as together we celebrate the arts, music and theatre.

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Richard A. Fortney
Artistic Director

True North Theatre Lineup

We're excited to bring you the 2010–2011 theatre schedule. We believe we have something for everyone to enjoy. Take a look and consider a theatre package! Individual tickets are also available for each show. Shows are Friday, Saturday and Sunday the first weekend and include Thursdays the following two weekends.

***Altar Boyz!* Book by Kevin del Aguil** **September 17–October 3**
Lyrics and Music by Gary Adler & Michael Patrick Walker
Conceived by Marc Kessler and Ken Davenport

After five years and 2,032 performances on Broadway, *Altar Boyz* closed off-Broadway in 2010! Winner of the 2005 Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding off-Broadway Musical, *Altar Boyz* is pure delight that's suitable for all ages and will have the whole family laughing and singing along. *Altar Boyz* is a musical comedy about a fictitious Christian Boy Band on the last night of their national "Raise the Praise" tour.

***Little Shop of Horrors* written by Howard Ashman** **October 22–November 7**
Composed by Alan Menken

Little Shop of Horrors, a rock musical, is about a nerdish florist that finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant who demands to be fed! The music includes early 1960's rock and roll, doo-wop and early Motown.

***Steel Magnolias* written by Robert Harling** **November 26–December 12**

Steel Magnolias is a comedy-drama about the bond among a group of Southern women in northwest Louisiana who believe that they are as delicate as magnolias but tough as steel.

Title TBD—An Improvised Musical!* **January 8, 15, 22 and 29**

January Saturday nights, join *Title TBD!*, directed by Marc Moritz, as it takes your suggestions for a musical never before heard and invents every line, every note, every character and every thrilling plot twist right before your eyes. TBD Productions—adventurous improvisers staging a completely improvised musical based on a single audience suggestion. Think Stephen Sondheim, only without that pesky sheet music! All songs, all actions, all piano accompaniment... all the story will be made up by the actors and musicians working together, completely on the spot.

***A Raisin in the Sun* written by Lorraine Hansberry**

February 4–February 20

The title of this play comes from the poem *Harlem* (also known as *A Dream Deferred* by Langston Hughes). Set on the South Side of Chicago in the 1950's, the play is based on an African-American family as they struggle with poverty, racism and inner conflict. There will be special matinee performances of this play for school groups on February 4, 11 and 18th.

***You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* written by John Gordon**

March 18–April 3

Music and Lyrics by Clark Gesner. Based on Charles M. Schulz's comic strip *Peanuts*

Though considered a "good man" by his friends, Charlie Brown and his friends battle with kites, school, baseball and misunderstandings before coming to realize what happiness truly is.

***The 9th Ship: Battle of Lake Erie* by Travis Fortney**

May 6–May 22

Our 6th commissioned piece on local history topics continues with *The 9th Ship: Battle of Lake Erie*.

The Ninth Ship is an interwoven story about James Krummel, an unlikely participant in the Battle of Lake Erie, and a young girl, Ollie, who finds his journal and relives the story generations later. As the action unfolds across the generations, the Northeastern Ohio region will take shape, James will become a hero, and Ollie's life will be changed forever.

This is our sixth production, in a series of 10, highlighting local history. Each give the opportunity to encourage new works, empower playwrights, give actors the opportunity to originate roles, and enhance our theatre by premiering original productions.

Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

July 15–31

Written by William Hauptman

Music & Lyrics by Roger Miller

Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn combines Mark Twain's unflinching portrayal of the antebellum South and slavery with bluegrass and country music styles to bring the Southern setting alive and make Twain's critical look at racism even more poignant today.

**Not included in Theatre Packages.*

2010–2011 Concert Season featuring the TrueNorth Chorale and Symphony

Join us in a celebration of nature in harmony... Welcome to TrueNorth Cultural Arts exciting 12th season, "Nature in Harmony." Join us as we explore how the old masters and leading contemporary composers evoke the power and mystery of the natural world in music. In these turbulent times, we hope this music will provide an interlude of shared wonder at the power of nature in our lives.

Reflections at Walden (TrueNorth Chamber Singers)

Saturday, October 16, 2010, 7:30 pm

Symphonic Pines—(TrueNorth Symphony)

Saturday, November 13, 2010, 7:30 pm.

The Little Tree–Winter on the Wing Holiday Concert

(TrueNorth Chorale and Symphony)

Friday, Saturday, December 17, 18, 2010, 7:30 pm

Nature in Harmony (TrueNorth Chamber Singers)

Saturday, February 26, 2011, 7:30 pm.

The Creation (Die Schöpfung), by Joseph Haydn

(TrueNorth Chorale and Symphony)

Saturday, April 16, 2011, 7:30 pm

Patriotic Concert (TrueNorth Chorale and Symphony)

Sunday, July 3, 2011, 7:45 pm

Music Under the Stars (TrueNorth Selected Artists)

August 5 & 6, 2011; Lakeview Park, Lorain, Ohio

Our four Galleries continue to represent over 30 local TrueNorth artists and national artists: Ewing Hall Theatre Gallery, The Kiva Gallery, The Four Seasons Gallery, and our Focus Gallery located in the Pijor Center. There will be six Gallery shows and Openings throughout the 2010–2011 season. Each night at the theatre you will be surrounded by beautiful art, all are for sale! Our Galleries are open seven days a week, 10 am–4:30 pm daily. Please consider supporting our local artists next time you need that special gift for a loved one, or that special gift for you and your home. We have beautiful paintings and photographs, ceramics, glassware, jewelry, cards and more.





Education continues to thrive at TrueNorth as we serve pre-school through senior citizens and further develop collaborations with the local school systems. We offer private instruction, classes and ensembles within theatre, visual arts and music.

Cast of Baby: A Musical





*Daddy Allen: The Story of
Easter Seals*



We invite you to our Noontime Concerts on the third Friday of each month featuring local folk singers and guitarists performing original and popular music. Our Concession Stand, **TrueNorth's 8th Note Café**, will be open each concert for box lunches... come and enjoy art, music and fellowship!

Altar Boyz!

September 17–October 3, 2010

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Evenings–7:30 pm

Sunday Matinee–3 pm

Swing City Big Band

Saturday, October 9, 2010, 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 10, 2010, 3 pm

Reflections at Walden

(TrueNorth Chamber Singers)

Saturday, October 16, 2010, 7:30 pm

Little Shop of Horrors

October 22–November 7, 2010

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Evenings–7:30 pm

Sunday Matinee–3 pm

Symphonic Pines–(TrueNorth Symphony)

Saturday, November 13, 2010, 7:30 pm

TrueNorth Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, November 20, 2010, 7:30 pm

At French Creek Nature Center

Call (440) 949-5200 for more information.

Steel Magnolias

November 26–December 12, 2010

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Evenings–7:30 pm

Sunday Matinee–3 pm

The Little Tree–Winter on the Wing Holiday Concert

(TrueNorth Chorale and Symphony)

Friday, Saturday, December 17, 18, 2010, 7:30 pm

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Title TBD—An Improvised Musical!

Saturday, January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2011, 7:30 pm

Family Series—Little Red Riding Hood

Saturday January 22, 2011, 1:30 & 3:30 pm

Family Series—Peter and the Wolf

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 1:30 & 3:30 pm

A Raisin in the Sun

February 4–20, 2011

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Evenings—7:30 pm

Sunday Matinee—3 pm

Nature in Harmony (TrueNorth Chamber Singers)

Saturday, February 26, 2011, 7:30 pm

Swing City Big Band

Saturday, March 5, 2011, 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 6, 2011, 3 pm

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

March 18–April 3, 2011

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Evenings—7:30 pm

Sunday Matinee—3 pm

The Creation (Die Schöpfung), by Joseph Haydn

(TrueNorth Chorale and Symphony)

Saturday, April 16, 2011, 7:30 pm

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The 9th Ship: Battle of Lake Erie

May 6–22, 2011

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Evenings–7:30 pm

Sunday Matinee–3 pm

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Family Series–Green Eggs & Ham

Saturday, June 4, 2011, 1:30 & 3:30 pm

TrueNorth Spring Fundraiser

Saturday, June 18, 2010, 7:30 pm

At Rose Cafe, Lakeview Park

Call (440) 949-5200 for more information.

JUNE 2011						
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Patriotic Concert

(TrueNorth Chorale and Symphony)

Sunday, July 3, 2011, 7:45 pm

JULY 2011						
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Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

July 15–31, 2011

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Evenings–7:30 pm

Sunday Matinee–3 pm

Music Under the Stars

(TrueNorth Selected Artists)

August 5 & 6, 2011; Lakeview Park, Lorain, Ohio

AUGUST 2011						
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Summer Youth Production–

Disney's Alice in Wonderland

Friday, August 12, 2011, 7:30 pm

Saturday, August 13, 2011, 7:30 pm

Sunday, August 14, 2011, 3 pm

TrueNorth Theatre Season Ticket Packages

Be a part of the excitement and purchase one of the best theatrical packages in the area by purchasing a Theatre Season Ticket Package. If you like our season line-up as much as we do, you'll want to take advantage of our season ticket packages.

BRAVO! \$100

For the true lover of the arts, this package includes our six theatrical performances as well as our six TrueNorth Chorale and Symphony Concerts.

ENCORE! \$50

Theatre lovers will enjoy our 6 show season beginning in September with *Altar Boyz*, followed by *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Steel Magnolias*, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, and our 2011 commissioned theatre piece *Ninth Ship*, based on the Battle of Lake Erie.

MAESTRO! \$50

Enjoy six concerts by our music department. Two by our Symphony, three by our Chamber Choir and/or Chorale and our wonderful holiday performance featuring the featuring the TrueNorth Chorale and Symphony.

SPOTLIGHT! \$50

Don't want to attend all six theatre performances or all six concerts? This package will allow you to pick any six out of the theatre or concert lineup.

Season Ticket Benefits:

Save more than 40% off ticket prices, pay no service fees!

Dress Circle Seating, first choice of the best seats!

Free Lost-Ticket Replacement!

No-Fee Ticket Exchange—ticket transferable to another performance of that production if schedule conflict occurs... exchange at no charge!

Ticket Donation Program—donate tickets that you are unable to use and we will share with the Lorain County Boys and Girls Club. Tax Deductible!

Free on-site Parking!

Additional Discounts and Promotions ranging from additional shows and concerts to season discount gallery sales and becoming part of our E-Newsletter Season Ticket Family!

Summer Show Preferred Tickets—purchase *Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* at the discounted subscription rates!

School Matinee

School groups are welcome to register for one of three matinee performances of *A Raisin in the Sun* in February as we celebrate Black History Month. For a special price of only \$5.00 per students (if registered before October 30; \$6.00 per student if register after this date) students can learn to appreciate theatre as well as the social themes presented in this wonderful play by Lorraine Hansberry. These performances are for public and private school groups serving grades 6–12. Receive one free ticket per every 15 students for chaperones. Capacities are limited so please call early.

Available dates: Fridays, February 4, 11 or 18th

Production begins at 10 am

\$5 per student if register by October 30, 2010

\$6 per student if register after October 30, 2010

Feel free to bring a sack lunch and remain at the French Creek Nature Center through lunch. (Reservations required). Contact Rick Fortney at (440) 949-5200 to make your reservations!

Matinee performances of the TrueNorth Family Series will be available to younger audiences. Please contact Rick Fortney for more information.

Family Life Series:

Little Red Riding Hood—Children’s Opera (Please note: this opera is available for touring)

Saturday, January 22, 2011, 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm

Peter and the Wolf and Musical Instrument “Petting Zoo”–Symphony

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 1:30 and 3:30 pm. (Petting Zoo, 12:30 and 2:30 pm)

Green Eggs and Ham and Musical Instrument “Petting Zoo”–Symphony

Saturday, June 4, 2011, 1:30 and 3:30 pm. (Petting Zoo, 12:30 and 2:30 pm)

Group Ticket Sales

We welcome groups of 20 or more to the French Creek TrueNorth Cultural Arts Theatre. We offer a great evening for your guests at affordable prices. For more information please contact Rick Fortney at (440) 949-5200 or e-mail to rfortney@metroparks.cc. Payment is due when registering.

Group leaders get in free (one complimentary ticket for every 20 tickets purchased).

If your evening includes a reception, our Four Seasons Room is available with your group purchase for a room fee of \$75.00. Your guests can park before other patrons arrive, and enjoy your reception right up to show time. Group must provide food—no alcohol permitted except by special permit.

Discounted ticket prices for groups are only \$10.00 per ticket. That’s 33% lower than single ticket prices!

None of this would be possible without the generous contributions of our Patrons and Sponsors. Your generous support allows us to continue our mission of offering entertainment, education and creative excellence in the arts to Lorain County and beyond. It is not too late to be a 2010–2011 TrueNorth Patron of the Arts; all contributions are tax deductible and appreciated! Please ask at the front desk for more details or visit us at www.TNCArts.org.

TrueNorth Season Ticket Packages

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Season Ticket Packages are available by visiting TrueNorth at French Creek, by calling (440) 949-5200 or visiting us on-line at www.metroparks.cc or by mailing the coupon below with your check. Please call with credit card information.

Individual Tickets

Individual tickets are available for each performance. Ticket prices are \$12.50 if purchased in advance at TrueNorth at French Creek, by calling (440) 949-5200, purchasing on-line at www.metroparks.cc or by mailing the coupon below with your check. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15.00. Please call with credit card information.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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e-mail _____

Number of Season tickets: _____

Final date selections may be made at a later time.

Please make all checks payable to *TrueNorth Cultural Arts*.

TrueNorth will contact you regarding your final ticket selections.

Season Ticket Package

- Bravo! \$100.00** (All six theatre performances and six concerts)
- Encore! \$50.00** (six theatre performances)
- Maestro! \$50.00** (six concerts)
- Spotlight \$50.00** (any combination totaling six performances of theatre or concerts)

Please indicate which performance you would like to attend:

- Thursday: 2nd Week 3rd Week
- Friday: 1st Week 2nd Week 3rd Week
- Saturday: 1st Week 2nd Week 3rd Week
- Sunday: 1st Week 2nd Week 3rd Week

If purchasing a Spotlight Package, please contact Rick Fortney at (440) 949-5200 to select the performances you prefer.

Add-Ons

I would like to add the following to my ticket package.

Please indicate no. of tickets @ \$10 each and the performances you would like to attend. Final date selections may be made at a later time. We will contact you to complete your order.

- ___ *Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**–July 15–31, 2011
- ___ *Disney's Alice in Wonderland (Summer Youth Production)*–August 12–14, 2011
- ___ *Swing City Big Band*–October 9 & 10 and March 5 & 6
- ___ *Title TBD–An Improvised Musical!*–January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2011
- ___ *Family Series–Little Red Riding Hood*–January 22, 2011
- ___ *Peter and the Wolf*–January 29, 2011
- ___ *Family Series–Green Eggs & Ham Family Series*–June 4, 2011

TOTAL Amount Enclosed _____

**Not included in Theatre Packages.*



Please mail this form along with your check to:

TrueNorth at French Creek
4530 Colorado Avenue
Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

Fundraising Opportunities

If your organization would like to “buy out the theatre” for a Thursday or Friday evening performance, you are welcome to do so for \$1,000. Your organization has the opportunity to sell up to 200 tickets to that performance, allowing you to profit up to \$1500 with a sell-out crowd. In addition, our Four Seasons Room can be reserved for either a pre-show or after-show reception where cast members can be greeted. Call (440) 949-5200 for more information or to reserve your date today.





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