

Theatre Schedule



LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD — SEPTEMBER 13 - 15, 2013

FRI	SAT	SUN
13 6:30 pm	14 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm	15 3:00 pm

MAN OF LA MANCHA — SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 6, 2013

FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN
20 7:30 pm	21 7:30 pm	22 3:00 pm	27 7:30 pm	28 7:30 pm	29 3:00 pm	4 7:30 pm	5 7:30 pm	6 3:00 pm

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCKS — OCTOBER 18 - 27, 2013

FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN
18 6:30 pm	19 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm	20 3:00 pm	25 6:30 pm	26 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm	27 3:00 pm

THE LAST KEEPER — NOVEMBER 8 - 17, 2013

FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN
8 6:30 pm	9 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm	10 3:00 pm	15 6:30 pm	16 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm	17 3:00 pm

SHREK: THE MUSICAL — DECEMBER 6 - 22, 2013

FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN
6 7:30 pm	7 7:30 pm	8 3:00 pm	13 7:30 pm	14 7:30 pm	15 3:00 pm	20 7:30 pm	21 7:30 pm	22 3:00 pm

SISTERS FOREVER — JANUARY 10 - 26, 2014

FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN
10 7:30 pm	11 7:30 pm	12 3:00 pm	17 7:30 pm	18 7:30 pm	19 3:00 pm	24 7:30 pm	25 7:30 pm	26 3:00 pm

OF MICE AND MEN — FEBRUARY 7 - 23, 2014

FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN
7 7:30 pm	8 7:30 pm	9 3:00 pm	14 7:30 pm	15 7:30 pm	16 3:00 pm	21 7:30 pm	22 7:30 pm	23 3:00 pm

A THOUSAND CRANES — MARCH 7 - 16, 2014

FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN
7 6:30 pm	8 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm	9 3:00 pm	14 6:30 pm	15 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm	16 3:00 pm

THE THREE LITTLE PIGS — MARCH 28 - 30, 2014

FRI	SAT	SUN
28 6:30 pm	29 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm	30 3:00 pm

SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE — MAY 2 - 18, 2014

FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN
2 7:30 pm	3 7:30 pm	4 3:00 pm	9 7:30 pm	10 7:30 pm	11 3:00 pm	16 7:30 pm	17 7:30 pm	18 3:00 pm

CHARLOTTE'S WEB — MAY 30 - JUNE 8, 2014

FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN
30 6:30 pm	31 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm	1 3:00 pm	6 6:30 pm	7 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm	8 3:00 pm

BIG, THE MUSICAL — JULY 11 - 27, 2014

FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN	FRI	SAT	SUN
11 7:30 pm	12 7:30 pm	13 3:00 pm	18 7:30 pm	19 7:30 pm	20 3:00 pm	25 7:30 pm	26 7:30 pm	27 3:00 pm

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL — AUGUST 8 - 10, 2014

FRI	SAT	SUN
8 7:30 pm	9 7:30 pm	10 3:00 pm



Dear Friends,

The 2013-2014 Season features love, heroic and classic stories with dynamic characters such as the "mad" knight Don Quixote, the great green ogre, Shrek, migrant workers George and Lenny, and artist Georges Seurat. This season brings a variety of song, dance, and drama to our main stage!

Our Family Life Series will feature the Big Bad Wolf; a nervous first year teacher; pigs, spiders, and even a Cat in the Hat. Among all the cartoon and childhood characters we also meet Sadako and Kenji in a poignant and beautiful story of friendship and love.

As we celebrate TrueNorth's 15th Anniversary, I would like to draw your attention to a couple new events; TrueNorth Jamboree, and A Taste of TrueNorth.

The TrueNorth Jamboree on Thursdays (October 10, January 9, and April 24, 7– 9:30 p.m.) will feature an MC, pianist, catering by Deluca's, and an opportunity for musicians to try out new works and old favorites. The Jamboree will be an evening for the audience to experience free music and festivities.

A Taste of TrueNorth will take place Saturday, November 2, and March 1, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., \$30. Come and experience highlights from the music, theatre, and visual arts of TrueNorth. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar provided by Deluca's. Treat your taste buds to a night of the arts while supporting our mission.

TrueNorth's Annual Fundraiser and Silent Auction will be Saturday, June 21. The nostalgic evening will take us back to the 1940's with dinner and dancing led by the TrueNorth Big Band. The evening will include TrueNorth's 2014 Shining Star Award and the announcement of the TrueNorth season for 2014-2015.

We humbly thank you for supporting us in our vision as we continue to set a new direction within the arts.

-Richard A. Fortney, Artistic Director

Art Gallery

Our four galleries represent over 40 local TrueNorth artists as well as national artists: Ewing Hall Theatre Gallery, The Kiva Gallery, The Four Seasons Gallery, and our Focus Gallery located in the Pijor Center. There are numerous gallery shows, exhibits, and focus galleries that complement our theatrical production season. The beautiful art you see is for sale, and available for purchase during our regular daytime hours and during all performances. Please consider supporting a local artist the next time you need that special gift for a loved one, or a unique piece of art for your home.

Interested in becoming a TrueNorth Artist? Contact our Gallery Manager at (440) 949-5200 or send online portfolio samples to truenorth@metroparks.cc Attn. Gallery Manager.



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Lara Knox as "Anne Sullivan" and Morgan Faith Williams as "Helen Keller" in *The Miracle Worker* (February, 2013)
Photo: Brian Bowers

2013-2014 TRUENORTH CULTURAL ARTS Season & Events

Mainstage Theatre

Fridays & Saturdays — 7:30 pm
Sunday Matinees — 3 pm
Friday School Matinees — 10 am

September 20 - October 6, 2013

Written by Dale Wasserman

Music by Mitch Leigh; Lyrics by Joe Darion

Man of La Mancha is a musical based on the Miguel de Cervantes seventeenth century novel *Don Quixote*. It tells the story of the “mad” knight Don Quixote told as a play within a play, performed by Cervantes and his fellow prisoners as he awaits a hearing with the Spanish Inquisition. The original Broadway production ran for over 2,300 performances and was the winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Songs include “Dulcinea,” “Man of La Mancha,” and “The Impossible Dream,” which has become a standard all around the world. *Man of La Mancha* is performed as a part of our Hispanic Heritage Month celebration (Sept. 15-Oct. 15). Special daytime student matinees are available for this production.

Man of
La Mancha

December 6 - 22, 2013

Music by Jeanine Tesori

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and book by William Steig

Donkey, Princess Fiona, and everybody’s favorite ogre come to life on the TrueNorth stage this holiday season for *Shrek the Musical*. In a faraway kingdom things get ugly when Shrek, an unsightly ogre, shows up instead of a handsome prince to rescue the feisty Princess Fiona. Throw in a donkey with an attitude, an evil lord with a short temper, and a dozen other fairy tale misfits and you’ve got the kind of musical mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily there’s one on hand...that great green ogre named Shrek. *Shrek the Musical* is the perfect family outing this holiday season.

OF
MICE & MEN

February 7 - 23, 2014

Book by John Steinbeck

Based on the 1937 John Steinbeck novel by the same name, *Of Mice and Men* is a tragic story of friendship, compassion, and despair. Two migrant workers, George and Lenny, move from town to town seeking farm work during the Great Depression. George takes care of the mentally challenged Lenny as the two pursue their dream of owning a farm of their own. But Lenny’s handicap causes many problems for both of them along the way, and soon George must decide if it’s better to love Lenny or to let him go. *Of Mice and Men* was the recipient of the 1938 New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award for Best Play. Special daytime student matinees are available for this production.

SUNDAY IN THE PARK
with George

May 2 - 18, 2014

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Book by James Lapine

Sunday in the Park with George is an early collaboration of the musical team of Stephen Sondheim (music & lyrics) and James Lapine (book). Inspired by the Georges Seurat painting “A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte,” this musical was the winner of multiple awards including the 1985 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, two Tony Awards, the Olivier Award, and multiple Drama Desk awards. Loosely based on the life of Seurat, the first act follows the life of the artist as he struggles to maintain a relationship with his mistress as he creates his famous painting. The second act takes place 100 years later as Seurat’s American descendant struggles with his own career and path as an artist. *Sunday in the Park with George* features a beautiful heartbreaking score and has become a staple of contemporary musical theatre. Special daytime student matinees are available for this production.

July 11 - 27, 2014

Book by John Weidman

Music by David Shire | Lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr.

Based on the Twentieth Century Fox film *Big*, written by Gary Ross and Anne Spielberg

The classic 1987 motion picture fantasy bursts onto the stage in the unforgettable theatrical experience, *Big, the musical*. When frustrated adolescent Josh Baskin wishes he were “big” and wakes up the next morning a 30-year-old man, he discovers there’s much more to being an adult than he’s bargained for and learns we must all grow up at our own pace, in our own time. *Big* was the winner of numerous awards including four Tony Awards and ten Drama Desk Awards. This is a great contemporary coming of age story for everyone, no matter how big or small.

big
the musical

Family Life Series

Fridays & Saturdays — 6:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday Matinees — 3 pm

Little Red
Riding Hood

September 13 - 15, 2013

Written and composed by Seymour Barab

Based on the fairy tale Little Red Riding Hood

It’s the story you’ve always heard, but you’ve never seen it like this before! Little Red Riding Hood decides to visit her Grandmother, but along the way she meets the Big Bad Wolf! Will the Wolf trick Little Red into becoming his next meal, or will she be able to save her Grandmother from the Wolf? This version of the classic fairy tale *Little Red Riding Hood* exposes younger audiences to opera in a fun and entertaining way.

October 18 - 27, 2013

Book by: Scott Ferguson, Kyle Hall and George Keating

Music & Lyrics by: Lynn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg,

Kathy Mandry, George Newall and Tom Yohe

Based on an idea by: David McCall and television series created by George Newall and Tom Yohe

Adults may remember the popular Emmy award-winning cartoon series from their own childhood, and now we’re sharing the Schoolhouse experience with a new generation of children. This energetic musical follows a day in the life of Tom, a nerve-racked teacher worried about his first day of teaching. As Tom tries to relax in front of the TV set the Schoolhouse characters spring to life and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music. The show includes “Lolly, Lolly, Lolly,” “Three’s a Magic Number,” “Conjunction Junction” and dozens more of the original *Schoolhouse Rock* numbers. This show will leave adults and children alike tapping their toes and anxious to get back to school with their new-found musical lessons!

SCHOOL
HOUSE
ROCK!

A THOUSAND
CRANES

March 7 - 16, 2014

By Kathryn Schultz Miller

This heartwrenching, but poignant play, is based on a true story. Sadako Sasaki was just 2 years old when the nuclear bomb was dropped on her city Hiroshima. Ten years later it is discovered that she has a form of leukemia resulting from radiation sickness caused by the bomb. Sadako’s best friend Kenji reminds her of an old story about a crane—that if you fold 1,000 origami cranes the gods would grant Sadako’s wish to be healthy again. And so she begins to fold hundreds of paper cranes even though her ailing health may not allow her to complete this final task. Sadako’s final message to the world is one of love and compassion—“This is our cry, this is our care, peace in the world.”

The 3 Little Pigs

March 28 - 30, 2014

By John Davies

This fresh take on the old story of the *Three Little Pigs* is a children’s opera featuring scenes and music from operas by W. A. Mozart. While brother pigs Don Giovanni and Cherubino set off to make homes of sticks and straw, their sister, Despina, goes to the library to read up on “huff-proof, puff-proof” home construction. After Wolfgang Bigbad blows down the boys’ flimsy homes, they run to their sister’s sturdy new brick house quite ready to admit that going to the library and reading books is a pretty smart thing to do after all.

Charlotte's Web

May 30 - June 8, 2014

Adapted by Joseph Robinette

Music and lyrics by Charles Strouse | Based on the book by E.B. White

E.B. White’s classic children’s novel springs to the stage in this exciting musical. Charlotte is a spider, and Wilbur is a pig. They live on the Zuckerman farm with dozens of other talking farm animals. Charlotte becomes a barnyard hero when it comes out that she can not only talk, but she can also write! This heartwarming story of some unlikely friends has some touching but very fun musical numbers that add a whole new dimension to the original story.

Theatre Camp Production

Friday & Saturday — 7:30 pm
Sunday Matinee — 3 pm

August 8 - 10, 2014 - LIVE in the TrueNorth Theatre

Book by Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty

Music by Stephen Flaherty | Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Co-Conceived by Eric Idle | Based on the works of Dr. Seuss

The TrueNorth Center Stage campers transform themselves into many of the popular Dr. Seuss characters in *Seussical*. The Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton, a giant talking elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing many Whos. Horton tries to protect the Whos from the dangers of the outside world, all while guarding one final nest egg abandoned by Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces many dangers from the outside world, he makes it his mission to protect his new found friends. So prepare your green eggs and ham before you see this musical extravaganza that is truly fun for all ages.

Seussical
the Musical

Concert Series

‘Sing for the Cure’ Concert

November 23, 2013 — 7:30 pm

Stocker Center, Lorain County Community College

\$20 adults / \$15 students

Join the TrueNorth Chorale, Symphony and Big Band through this uplifting and positive musical experience, a proclamation of hope. Sing for the Cure incorporates the pain, the struggle, the hope and even the humor of dealing with cancer in a way that profoundly impacts audiences on both an emotional and spiritual level. It is a message of comfort, faith, and the hope of victory. At the end of the journey through a myriad of emotions and experiences, the rousing finale brings renewed energy for the fight. Be ready for an incredible, exciting and moving journey. Due to sponsors of this concert, 100% of all ticket sales will go toward Northeast Ohio needs through The American Cancer Society.

Christmas Cabaret

December 12 - 14, 2013 — 7:30 pm

Miller Nature Preserve, Avon

\$16 adults / \$10 students

Join this team of TrueNorth singers and instrumentalists as they perform Holiday favorites such as “I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas”, “Santa Clause is Coming to Town”, and “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” amidst the beautiful festive ambiance of Miller’s Conservatory.

Christmas Concert

December 21, 2013 — 7:30 pm

Avon Lake United Church of Christ

\$16 adults / \$10 students

Join the TrueNorth Chorale, Symphony and Big Band as they celebrate the Christmas season through this carol fest featuring arrangements of John Rutter, Dale Warland, and Mack Wilberg amongst others.

TrueNorth Big Band

March 22, 2014 — 7:30 pm

French Creek Nature & Arts Center

\$18 Center Section / \$16 Side Section / \$10 Students

Enjoy the music of Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Woody Herman and Count Basie as the TrueNorth Big Band plays your favorites! This 18-piece Big Band is in its second year and has already received rave reviews and invitations to participate at various clubs and jazz festivals throughout Northeast Ohio.

TrueNorth Chorale and
Symphony Concert

April 12, 2014 — 7:30 pm

French Creek Nature & Arts Center

\$18 Center Section / \$16 Side Section / \$10 Students

Performing a variety of works, including classical, pop, sacred and secular music composed by Handel, Rutter, Brahms, Copland, Billy Joel and others.

TrueNorth Patriotic Concert

July 3, 2014 — 7:30 pm

Lakeview Park, Lorain — FREE

Join the TrueNorth Chorale, Symphony and Big Band as they play your patriotic favorites ... “Battle Hymn of the Republic”, “When the Saints Go Marching In”, “Salute to the Armed Services”, “God Bless America” and many more! A night to remember as we celebrate our freedom through song.

Commissioned Plays

November 8 - 17, 2013 - LIVE in the Stanley Pijor Hall

By Lloyd Wilson

Can a broken down Lake Erie native and a group of rag-tag AARP patriots save a historical lighthouse from being destroyed? This world premier commissioned play features an actual piece of Lorain County local history, the Lorain Lighthouse. Zack Briton reluctantly returns to his childhood home to help his family plan the Battle of Lake Erie Bicentennial celebration. When a family nemesis catches wind of a fortune in diamonds that are said to be hidden away in the lighthouse, he threatens to destroy the local monument unless they turn the diamonds over to him. It is up to Zack to lead his family, the local historical society, and an ex-flame to find the diamonds and save the lighthouse from certain destruction.

Sisters
Forever
The Burrell
Family Letters

LIVE in the TrueNorth Theatre
Fridays & Saturdays — 7:30 pm
Sunday Matinees — 3 pm

The
Last Keeper

January 10 - 26, 2014

By Kelly Boyer Sagert

Three sisters – Doris, Eleanor and Virginia Burrell – reach a crisis point at the funeral of their mother, Tempe, causing them to reflect back on the joys, sorrows, hopes and challenges of the past two decades. *Sisters Forever: The Burrell Family Letters* shares the exuberant flapper era of the 20’s; the despair of the Great Depression; and the patriotism of the World War II years, all from the perspective of the Burrells, one of the founding families of Sheffield, Ohio. This is the world premier of this commissioned play.

Tickets

Individual Tickets

Individual tickets are available for each performance. Purchase tickets by calling (440) 949-5200 (ext. 221) or by visiting us online at www.TNCarts.org

MAIN STAGE

Center Section — \$18 Side Section — \$16

Student/Youth — \$10

FAMILY LIFE SERIES

Adult — \$15 | Kids/Youth — \$10

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Theatre

8 Productions — \$90

10 Productions — \$112.50

Full Season (13 Productions) — \$146.25

Concerts

Full Season — \$57.40

(5 Concerts)

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- **E-MAIL UPDATES** – Monthly e-newsletters featuring special videos, links and interviews. E-mail reminders will be sent to you the week prior to performances.
- **ADD-ONS** - Season ticket holders can purchase additional concerts and theatre productions at a reduced rate of \$12.50. *(1 ticket per production)