

Kids series starts Saturday

Magician kicks off Performing Arts for Children's season

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A magician could make your children's boredom disappear Saturday when he kicks off a new season of Performing Arts for Children shows.

The community-organized series of kids shows returns for a 39th season, bringing five budget-friendly, children-pleasing performances to the campus of Washburn University.



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Christopher Starr, of Wichita, brings his "World of Magic" show of comedy and illusions Saturday to Topeka to kick off another Performing Arts for Children season.



The live shows intended for youngsters 3 and older and their families are presented at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Andrew J. and Georgia Neese Gray Theatre, which is located in the east wing of the Garvey Fine Arts Center.

Each show lasts about an hour, and an interpreter for those with hearing impairments is provided at the afternoon shows.

Season tickets, good for all five performances, can be purchased for \$12 at the first program. Individual tickets are \$3 and sold 30 minutes before each show.

Discounted tickets are available for \$2 each for groups of 10 or more. Call 249-4951 or 266-5638 for reservations.

Here are the five shows in Performing Arts for Children's 2008-09 season:

- Saturday: Christopher Starr's "World of Magic," in which the veteran Wichita-based magician presents his mix of comedy and illusion.
- Nov. 22: "Mr. Stinky Feet's Christmas," a holiday show of music from the CD of the same title by Jim "Mr. Stinky

Feet" Cosgrove and The Hiccups.

- Dec. 6: "Furry Tails with a Twist," an audience-participation play staged by Washburn University Children's Theatre, in which actors try to stage some well-known fairy tales but their scripts get jumbled and mix up the stories.
- Jan. 16: "The Stinky Cheese Man," which is the Kansas City, Mo.-based Paul Mesner Puppets' adaptation of Jon Scieszka's Caldecott Award-winning book of zany versions of classic fairy tales.
- Feb. 28: "Chicken Little," in which Theatre for Young America, of Mission, stage a musical version of the sky-is-falling story involving Chicken Little, Chickie Lou Polkalong, Henny Penny, Cocky Locky, Goosey Loosey, Foxie Woxie and Foxie Moxie.