

Saturday Morning at the National

Fall 2011



FREE PERFORMANCES FOR CHILDREN ★ Saturday mornings, 9:30 & 11 am
Limited seating! ★ Tickets distributed 30 minutes before each show. ★
One ticket to each person in line.

The National Theatre ★ 1321 Pennsylvania Ave., NW ★ Washington, DC
Information: (202) 783-3372



October 1 ★ Reptile World

Exotic creatures star in this amazing presentation. Michael Shwedick and his beguiling animal friends teach kids some thrilling and invaluable lessons about the ecology and themselves. Adults will be awed by Michael's ability to present alligators, snakes, and other sometimes scary reptiles without frightening even the youngest children.

October 8 ★ Pamela Duncan Edwards

Beloved children's author Pamela Duncan Edwards, author of *Dinosaur Starts School*, *Clara Caterpillar*, and *Roar! A Noisy Counting Book*, will make a special guest appearance and enchant children of all ages with an imaginative "spooky" story. Kids will be encouraged to help tell this morning's tale, and afterwards Ms. Edwards will answer questions on how she creates her delightful stories.



October 15 ★ Act!vated Story Theatre: World Tales

These actors don't just tell stories, they act!vate them with physical comedy, audience participation, American Sign Language and imaginative props—all before a gigantic oversized book that tells kids about the importance of reading to develop an active imagination!

October 22 ★ Michael Chamberlin: Close Encounters with Magic!

Jaws will drop and eyes will pop at Michael's captivating show full of improvisation, comedy, and magic! Kids are invited to be a Magician-For-A-Day and help create unbelievable illusions sure to delight the most pronounced skeptic. Clever, mysterious, and most importantly—fun, Michael's easy-going charm will fill your Saturday with astonishment!



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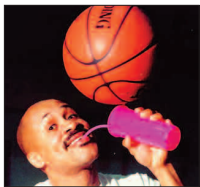


October 29 ★ **Black Cherry Puppet Theater: Hansel and Gretel**

First up is BARRYMORE EAGLE'S COSTUME PARADE, so bring the kids in their charming or wild Halloween get-ups! Afterwards, kids will revel in the not-too-scary Brothers Grimm fairy tale which is brought magically to life by the enchanting marionettes from Baltimore's premiere puppet theatre!

November 5 ★ **Yojo**

YoJo! The biggest, bluest, wildest and grooviest fuzzy guy returns to the National to get an attitude adjustment about reading. He learns through several comical mishaps that not only is reading really important, but it can also be very enjoyable. YoJo is a ton-of-fun with a good message!



November 12 ★ **Get into the Spin with Spencer "Spinnny" Johnson**

Trick shot artist Spinnny Johnson takes to the Helen Hayes stage. Kids are invited to step up and participate in dazzling fast-action tricks that teach inspiring lessons in confidence, goal-setting, and self-respect.

November 19 ★ **Mark Jaster "Picollo"**

Kids will be delighted by Picollo, a gentle, engaging character whose kooky antics are inspired by the great clowning traditions of Italian Commedia dell'arte. Picollo travels with a magical trunk full of spectacular surprises, foolish antics, playful participation and wordless fun for all!



December 3 ★ **Now This!**

The improvisational troupe Now This! takes ideas from the kids and instantly transforms them into songs, comic sketches and musical fairy tales. Brave volunteers will be invited to become a Star-For-The-Day and be part of the nonsense in this highly interactive and fun extravaganza!

December 10 ★ **Christmas Dreams from "The Nutcracker"**

Snowflakes and Sugar Plum Sweets are in the air as the Virginia Ballet Company and School present selections for their magical, glittering Nutcracker. Familiar music, lively dances, lovely costumes and charming characters from Tchaikovsky's classic confection bring us elegant holiday cheer!



December 17 ★ **Mary Ann Jung "Good Queen Bess"**

Join her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth the First on a merry romp through the less serious aspects of her glittering era. Bedecked in finery fit for only a queen, Mary Ann Jung keeps the kids spellbound with vivid descriptions of the holidays during her Golden Age while teaching her royal subjects the correct way to bow, curtsy and dance.

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