Each year, the Lancaster Performing Arts Center’s Arts for Youth program provides 15,000 local Antelope Valley students with the opportunity to attend educational, dynamic, exciting, inspirational and fun performances, exposing our youth to the performing arts, many for the very first time. The impression that these performances make on students can last a lifetime and often lead to a career in the arts. These shows are specially discounted to remain affordable to students and educators. The performances align with Common Core State Standards and provide an opportunity for educators to integrate the arts into their curriculum and lesson plans, while providing an enjoyable, high-quality learning experience for students of all ages.

Assistance with funding for student tickets and transportation is available through the generous support of the Lancaster Performing Arts Center Foundation. For more information, please visit lpac.org/afy, call (661) 723-5876 or email artsforyouth@cityoflancasterca.org.

Integrate LPAC into your classroom!

Providing opportunities for students of all ages to experience and appreciate the performing arts, the Arts for Youth outreach and workshop programs go hand-in-hand with enhancing educational development. This season, the LPAC offers outreach and workshop opportunities at no cost to participating schools. Sessions are limited. To schedule an outreach or workshop, call (661) 723-5876.
CIRQUE MEI / grades 3-12
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 | 10 AM
For more than 50 years, Cirque Mei has been featuring traditional and contemporary Chinese acrobatic performances in a colorful and lively celebration of the internationally renowned circus arts of China. From Hebei Province, this incredible performance featuring a company of 40 elite performers, will showcase many of the most popular routines including: Hoops Diving, Lion Dance, Collective Bicycle Skills, Flying Meteors, Foot Juggling with Umbrellas, Female Contortion and the Ladder Balancing Act.

SUGAR SKULL / grades 3-12
Friday, November 1, 2019 | 10 AM
Young Vita thinks her family has gone loco planning a celebration for deceased loved ones. Why throw a party for the dead? But when a candy skeleton (Sugar Skull) suddenly springs to life on her grandmother’s cemetery altar, Vita finds herself on a magical, musical journey to unravel the true meaning of Día de los Muertos. Sugar Skull is a joyous, heartfelt adventure that delves into this rich, tuneful tradition. Featuring a company of gifted musicians and dancers, this show is the perfect fall entertainment choice for youth and family audiences alike.

THE POUT POUT FISH / grades K-2
Thursday, November 7, 2019 | 9:15 & 11 AM
TheaterWorksUSA Production of The Pout Pout Fish
Swim along with pouty Mr. Fish and his friends in this new musical adventure. Utilizing live actors and puppets, this colorful adaptation of The New York Times bestseller is sure to turn the poutiest of frowns upside down. This production is co-conceived, directed and designed by the acclaimed puppeteers of AchesonWalsh Studios, whose work was featured in Broadway’s The King And I, On the Town and Radio City’s New York Spectacular.

ERTH’S PREHISTORIC AQUARIUM ADVENTURE / grades K-6
Thursday, November 14, 2019 | 9:15 & 11 AM
The Mysteries of the Dinosaurs of the Deep
The creators of Erth’s Dinosaur Zoo Live want to take you on an all new adventure – this time to the bottom of the ocean. Erth’s Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure is an immersive experience that invites you to jump in and explore unknown ocean depths where prehistoric marine reptiles lived eons ago — and maybe live still today! Erth shows are at the forefront of family entertainment, using actors, technology, puppets, science and imagination to create an amazing visual experience that connects young audiences to the real science of paleontology.

CHRIS PERONDI’S STUNT DOG EXPERIENCE 2019 / grades K-6
Monday, November 18, 2019 | 11 AM
Famed trainer Chris Perondi and his cast of rescue canines return to LPAC to thrill audiences of all ages with their high-energy and high-flying stunts. Students will be delighted by their amazing tricks, big-air stunts, comedy antics, dance routines and incredible athletic feats in the most entertaining show of its kind! These astonishing animals have been featured on the Late Show with David Letterman, The Ellen DeGeneres Show, The Queen Latifah Show and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Be a part of the audience interaction when the Stunt Dog Experience 2019 comes to the Lancaster Performing Arts Center.

CEDAR STREET THEATRE’S YOUTH PRODUCTION OF DISNEY’S FROZEN JR. / grades K-12
Friday, December 6, 2019 | 9:15 & 11 AM
The wildly popular story of true love and acceptance between sisters makes its debut in the Antelope Valley! Join Anna, Elsa, Olaf and the entire cast of beloved characters on an adventure loaded with magic, humor, and music you can’t help but sing along to. Based on the animated movie Frozen, this experience is sure to thaw even the coldest heart.

THE NUTCRACKER / grades K-12
Thursday, December 12 | 11 AM & Friday, December 13, 2019 | 11 AM
Presented by Antelope Valley Ballet
The best known and most beloved of all the Antelope Valley Ballet productions, this Christmas tradition has been enjoyed by tens of thousands of enthusiastic patrons. Travel with Clara and her Nutcracker prince as they conquer a ferocious army of rats, travel through a magical snow storm and arrive at an enchanted castle made of confections. Lose yourself in Tchaikovsky’s musical masterpiece celebrating the joy of the season in this classic Christmas story. Celebrate the annual holiday tradition of the world’s most popular ballet with the Antelope Valley Ballet production of The Nutcracker.

CALL OF THE WILD / grades 4-12
Monday, January 27, 2020 | 9:15 & 11 AM
Jack London’s classic tale comes to life on stage in this multi-media adventure mixing performance and storytelling to tell the story of Buck, the magnificent offspring of a St. Bernard and Scottish Collie. Kidnapped from his lavish life on a California estate and sent to work as a sled dog during the great Klondike Gold Rush of the 1800s, Buck becomes the most famous dog in the northland’s history and discovers the endurance and strength of his wild, primal ancestors as their call courses through his blood. A thrilling tale of courage and survival.

The production uses 180-degree projection that surrounds the performer and provides scenic, artistic, and historical context to the show. The images feature a unique mix of Philip R. Goodwin’s classical illustrations from the book’s first edition, period photographs, and brand new drawings and animations created by artist Michael Rae.

BIG BUBBLE BONANZA / grades K-6
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 | 9:15 & 11 AM
From bubble rainbows with people inside and audience members making volcano bubbles to gigantic bubbles that blow their own bubbles, see the newest, funniest, zany spectacular from world-famous, Guinness Book of World Records-holding, master bubble wrangler Jeff Boyer, as he takes bubbles to the max with big bubble flair. Mixing comedy, music, and interactive bubble-magic, Jeff engages and delights audiences of all ages. It’s a sensory-friendly bubble extravaganza for children of all ages!
MISS NELSON HAS A FIELD DAY / grades K-5
Monday, February 10, 2020 | 9:15 & 11 AM
At the Horace B. Smedley School, the Smedley Tornadoes have never won a football game. In fact, they have never even scored a single point! With such a poor record and a team that is out of control, kind-hearted Miss Nelson comes to the rescue when she enlists the help of her alter ego, the ill-tempered Miss Viola Swamp. Coach Swamp applies her trademark discipline to the players’ training, demanding tough exercises and accepting no backtalk. In the end, the team changes their attitude, pulls together, sharpens their skills, and manages to win the biggest game of the year! A fun-filled musical from the award-winning playwright/composer who also brought you Diary of a Worm and A Spider & a Fly.

CLICK, CLACK, MOO / grades K-4
Thursday, February 27, 2020 | 9:15 & 11 AM
All day long Farmer Brown hears “click, clack, moo…” The cows are typing and protesting their working conditions! A hilariously “moo-ving” musical about compromise, based on the award-winning book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin.

MCT’S SLEEPING BEAUTY / grades K-12
Friday, March 6, 2020 | 11 AM
The Missoula Children’s Theatre presents Sleeping Beauty, an original adaptation of the classic fairy tale. A new princess is born, and from far and wide the people of the kingdom gather to celebrate. An invitation is misplaced—and the wrath of the vicious Scarella falls upon the poor infant in the form of a spell. Sleeping Beauty is now destined to sleep for eternity if she should prick her finger on a spindle before she reaches her sixteenth birthday. Sleeping Beauty’s Fairy Godmothers do their best to amend the spell, but Scarella, with the help of some nasty Trolls, tricks Sleeping Beauty into pricking her finger and the spell takes effect. Five hundred years pass, and Sleeping Beauty wakes to find herself in a Rock ’n Roll dream!

FUN WITH ENERGY / grades K-6
Thursday, March 12, 2020 | 9:15 & 11 AM
The science of energy is as fun as it gets! Jeff Boyer demonstrates to students that energy is what makes our world work, through carefully laid out activities illustrating the laws and forces which govern the world around us. Jeff takes audiences on an exciting energy-filled ride they will always remember; a combination of fun, excitement and a comprehensive and interactive learning experience.

CINDERELLA / grades K-12
Friday, May 8 | 11 AM & Monday, May 11, 2020 | 11 AM
Presented by Antelope Valley Ballet
Magical dreams transform into reality with one enchanted night at a ball, where a girl with a kind and gentle spirit finds her happily ever after. The classic fairytale Cinderella is a ballet that sparkles with humor and heart. Cinderella’s Fairy Godmother and the Fairies of the Four Seasons help her find her Prince in this family-friendly production for anyone who has had a wish, a dream or a great pair of shoes.