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Paramount Arts Center Announces New Marathon Petroleum Youth Education Series

Ashland, KY - It's one of our favorite things here at the Paramount. When a row of yellow school buses line up out in front of the Paramount and hundreds of kids start piling through our doors. In one of our BEST. SEASONS. EVER. the kids are going to go crazy. From Bing Bang Boom science thrills to stomping StepAfrika, the acrobats of Cirque Ziva, and more. Kids get to experience amazing theatre performances for \$5 or less per person. The performances are entertaining and offer curriculum connections that bring to life the material teachers are using in the classroom.

Melanie Cornelison, Director of Education, worked with the Education Committee to create arts programming in one of the most exciting seasons. "We are excited about the variety of programs we are offering this year. For the first time, we are able to offer a CIRQUE performance as part of our lineup. We also have several opportunities for master classes and workshops with two of the productions, San Jose Taiko Drummers and StepAfrika. The whole season is just an amazing smorgasbord of performances."

Educators can make reservations or to be placed on our email list. To get started, please email Melanie@paramountartscenter.com. Shows are also open to the public and the Paramount invites home schoolers, preschools and childcare centers to visit our website and view the schedule. Each performance provides the curriculum connection as well as the recommended age. The Paramount believes every child, regardless of economic situation, should have the opportunity to join his or her classmates for a performance at the Paramount. To apply for scholarships please contact the education department at 606.324.3175 ext. 311. In addition, there are TranspARTation grants that teachers may apply for, to help pay for buses. That information is on our website as well, www.paramountartscenter.com.

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