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Description:

Theatrical programs rich in storytelling, comedy, join-in-re-enactments, folk dance and live music that bring history to life for students of all levels. This year's selections include: *Calamity Jane of the Old West*, *Nellie Bly America's First Female Reporter*, *The Revolutionary Deborah Sampson*, *Helen and Me The heroic story of Annie Sullivan Macy and Helen Keller*, *Liberty Belles Tales of American Immigration from every point of Liberty's Crown*. Plus! *The Living History Tour* (a new program for preschoolers.)

Target Audience: K-12

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

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Description:

Barnes & Noble bookfair fundraising program.

Target Audience: K-12

Betsy DuBois Agency

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Arts in education programs with Teacher's guides!
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Catskill Puppet Theater
Georgia Popoff – writer in residence
World of Wonder – magic

Cherrydale Little Caesars

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Description:
Variety of premium fundraising programs, "Pizza Kits"
and Cookie Dough.

Target Audience: K-12

Colorblends

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Description:

Colorblends Fundraising flower bulbs (tulips and daffodils) for Fall delivery and planting. Free sales material, easy to sell and excellent profits, 45 to 50% of everything you sell.

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Description:

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Target Audience: PreK-12

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Description:
ENCORE PERFORMING ARTS, Inc. represents a wide range of carefully selected performing groups of all kinds for children, youth and family audiences in the fields of Theatre, Puppetry, Music, Dance, Storytelling, Illustrators, Mime, Circus Acts, Science, Juggling, Personal and Planetary Health, History, Multiculturalism, and Character Education. Fees vary; visit our website www.encoreperforming.com for more details, or call 800-669-9850.

Target Audience: K-12

Entertainment Publications Sally Foster

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Description:
Multiple fundraising programs designed to meet your needs including the Entertainment Coupon Book, Sally Foster Giftwrap, Magazine Discount Network and Classic Recipes Cookie Dough by Emily's Home Bakery and Chippery /Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough. One company and one representative to work with. We offer quality products with unparalleled customer service.

Target Audience: K-12

Brien Engel, Glass Harp Music

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Description:
During a Glass Harp Music assembly program, Brien performs music of different styles and periods on the glass harp – an instrument comprised of 50 drinking glasses, played on their rims via fingertips and friction. The program explore musical instruments made from everyday materials, the history of glass and water-tuned music, and related concepts of physics and sound. For more information please visit: www.glassharp.org

Target Audience: K-12 as well as libraries, after school, rec centers, museums and more!

Jim Linehan Dance Troupe

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Description:
JLDT hosts a 40 minute showcase of the troupe's electrifying jazz/funk/hip-hop/modern dance set to their original songs and tunes the students will recognize. The message of perseverance, following one's dream and setting positive life goals is highlighted while the kids also enjoy the eye-popping choreography.

Target Audience: 3-8

Joe Corbi's Pizza

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Description:
Joe Corbi's Pizza provides quality Pizza Kits, Cookie Dough and Specialty Food items. Our family owned fundraising company has been helping organizations raise funds for over 25 years.

Target Audience: K-12

Joyful Noise

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Description:
Saragail brings hundreds of drums to all events. She teaches participants to play together, weaving story, rhythm, and song into 100% interactive educational experiences. Assemblies, Residencies, Teacher Training. Programs: Teambuilding, Character Building, Bullying Prevention, Diversity, Language Arts, Social Studies, DARE, PARP, Multi-Cultural Holiday Shows, Fun!

Target Audience: K-12 as well as college, adults, teacher training

Kathryn Beich

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Description:
KidsArt Fairs is a no-cost art enrichment program that showcases framed artwork by all students. Children follow lesson plans that promote creativity and hands-on learning. Schools share the students' artwork with families during a gallery event where the framed artwork may be purchased. Inspire Student Creativity, Build Self Esteem, Promote Learning

Target Audience: K-5

KidzArt

Mid-Hudson branch

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Description:

KidzArt is a national art enrichment program, providing high quality drawing instruction for elementary students. We teach the fundamentals of art in an exciting, encouraging environment that allows creativity to thrive. As a portable program, we partner with local organizations to host our after school classes, workshops and camps in their community.

Target Audience: K-5

Fundtime

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Description:

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The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck

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Description:
The CENTER for the Performing Arts at Rhinebeck is a not-for-profit community arts organization offering a variety of educational field trip programs for students. The CENTER accepts BOCES funding and study guides are available for many productions. The CENTER will be hosting "Hiawatha" by Catskill Puppet Theater, "Fun with Energy" by Jeff Boyer and "Hansel and Gretel" by Tanglewood Marionettes in October 2008. November will bring interactive shows of "The Pioneers" and "The American Revolution" by Kitty Jones and four performances of "Prince Caspian" by the Hampstead Stage Co. Check the CENTER's website for updates.

Target Audience: K-12

Kit's Interactive Theatre

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Description:
Kitty Jones combines her passion for history and love of the theatre to create 16 different programs. Through continual participation in history, dance, improvisation and music, Ms. Jones brings 4,000 years of history to life. Repertoire: The Mysteries of Ancient Egypt, The Renaissance, Grace the Pirate, Colonial Life, The American Revolution, The Vikings, Pocahontas' Vision Quest, The Civil War, The Pioneers, One Room Schoolhouse, The Immigrants, Women's Rights, Sleepy Hollow Halloween, Cinderella's Fairy Godmother, Mother Nature, and Mrs. Claus.

Target Audience: K-8

Kofi and Sankofa Drum and Dance Ensemble

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Description:

I bring programs in drumming, dance and folk arts of the Asante and Ghanaian cultural traditions because my origins from an Asante village, where I grew up and studied drumming and making drums at a very early age. I have achieved the goals and objectives of most of my residencies and do apply them in the educational setting. These experiences have helped me with better planning, execution and the follow-ups needed; meeting the standards for the NYS Department of Education in teaching the arts.

Target Audience: We work with all ages K-12 and all special students

Lifetouch National School Studios

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Target Audience: K-12

Lou Del Bianco as Abraham Lincoln

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Description:

In this 45 minute interactive dramatic program, actor-storyteller Lou Del Bianco portrays Lincoln as Civil War President, frontiersman and storyteller. Lincoln's values...honesty, love of family, thirst for education, sense of justice and perseverance shine through this dynamic new presentation. Authentic historical quotations are used throughout; handout available for teachers. Go to www.findlou.com to view Abe video!

Target Audience: K-8 and Pre-K

The Marvelous Musical Martins

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Description:

FREEDOM BELLS CONNECTION... Election Year Edition
Powerfully engaging vignettes featuring voices and instruments celebrate Freedom & Peace! Encourages students, our future Citizen Leaders, to understand the Constitution, Bill of Rights and our struggles for liberty. Themes: Paul Revere, Abraham Lincoln, the significance and history of The Liberty Bell, independence & our global move toward interdependence. Includes a mini-workshop for 18 students who perform in the presentation. Interdisciplinary Resource/Activity/Study

Target Audience: K-8 and learning disabled populations.

Motoko

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Description:

Parent's Choice Award-winning Japanese storyteller
Motoko offers the following arts-in-education
programs.

Japanese Folktales Storytelling Assembly for K-8
(200 students max)

Japanese culture Workshop/Residency for K-5
classrooms

Chinese Folktales Assembly and Workshops for K-5
Creative Writing Workshop/Residency – for K-8 “The
Girl in the Mirror” Storytelling and Mime Performance
for Grades 7-12

Target Audience: K-12

New York Distribution and Logistics

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Target Audience: K-12, sports teams and music
groups

The Puppet People

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Description:
Explore Character Ed with The Puppet People! The Puppet People can help introduce and illustrate various Character Ed Themes such as: teamwork, responsibility, discrimination, friendship, kindness, courage, bullying and more in seven fun theatrical productions using a variety of puppet styles, classic literature and great music. Workshops and residencies also available.

Target Audience: K-5

Robbi K and Friends

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Description:
As a Parents' Choice Award winning storyteller, Robbi K's spirit is clearly contagious, and the entire audience is soon singing and clapping along with Turtle's Shell. Drumming, movement, singing and chanting set the scene for Robbi to unfold this amusing traditional tale of a little turtle who outwits the fierce leopard and is rewarded with a shell. Robbi moves about constantly, appealing to the audience as she acts out the many characters. Turtle's Shell can be presented with Robbi alone or with an African percussionist.

Target Audience: K-6

SMART Technologies

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Description:
SMART Technologies invites you to a presentation on why educators want to know about tools like interactive whiteboards. Educators are searching for ways to help students love learning. It's about putting the right tools in the right hands, making it easy for teachers to create extraordinary moments.

Target Audience: K-12

Susan Slotnick sponsored by THE ARTS COMMUNITY

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“Susan uses dance as a medium to teach and develop a wide range of skills and attitudes essential for success in school and life: self-esteem, expression, compassion, self-discipline and practicing kindness. Slotnick asked the students to ‘show us what your body looks like when you are paying attention.’ I don’t think I’ve ever seen 80 fifth-graders simultaneously take a full body stance of complete attention, not like a group of soldiers but with a core of individuality and pride”
- Poughkeepsie Journal March 30,2008

Target Audience: 3-12

TheatreworksUSA

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TheatreworksUSA creates theatre of imagination and sophistication, which educates as it entertains, and conveys thought-provoking messages to young people. Audiences of all ages enjoy our musical adaptations of literary classics, not to mention those that tackle social issues or bring historical heroes and events to life. Also, our roster of professional artists includes master puppeteers, storytellers, vocalists and many other talented individuals.

Target Audience: K-12

Tommy Gardner School Shows featuring The Uncle Brothers

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Description:
High energy, fun and interactive elementary assembly programs with themes such as, "Character Education: Making Positive Choices", "Bullying & Kindness", "Global Awareness", "Reading", and others including patriotic, Halloween, and holidays. Based on music from their nine award winning CDs, these assemblies have been a hit all over the country.

Target Audience: K-5 (or 6th if part of the elementary school)

The Vanaver Caravan

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Description:

The Vanaver Caravan is a dance and music company that offers tailor-made residencies and assemblies for each school's unique situation and population. They offer three programs: Earthbeat (a journey around the world in music and dance), Pastures of Plenty: a tribute to Woody Guthrie, and America: a World within a Nation

Target Audience: Can be designed for any grade level.

WRITE NOW! Creative Writing Programs

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Description:

WRITE NOW! Is an interactive, fun-filled introduction to creative writing for Grades K-6 with James Gelsey, author of the Scooby-Doo! Mysteries. Students identify parts of a story; explore basic story structure; and discover brainstorming techniques they can use to develop the confidence and tools to become better writers.

Target Audience: K-6