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**THE ORCHESTRA MOVES WITH THE PORTSMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Tuesday, May 12 - 9:30am & 12:30pm - Historic Theater

By any definition, music moves. Melody, rhythm, and harmony all change, shift, and develop. When an orchestra plays for us, we may notice more than one kind of movement. Through the Carnegie Hall Link Up repertoire, hands-on activities, and a culminating interactive performance with the PSO, we will discover how the orchestra moves.

**THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Theater Terra

Tuesday, October 22 - 9:30am & 11:30am - Historic Theater

Join us for a new family musical featuring spectacular puppetry, *The Little Mermaid*, based on the fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen! Deep in the ocean, there once lived a mermaid with a voice of gold who often dreamed of the world above the sea.

**DOG LOVES BOOKS**

ArtsPower National Touring Theatre

Tuesday, March 10 - 9:30am & 11:30am - Historic Theater

This New York Times bestseller comes to life in a new musical about the irresistible Dog who loves everything about books. In fact, he loves books SO much that he decides to open his own bookstore. This delightful show celebrates the power of the imagination and the satisfaction that comes when you share books with others.

**THE POUT-POUT FISH**

TheaterWorksUSA

Wednesday, March 25 - 9:30am & 11:30am - Historic Theater

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.

**LLAMA LLAMA - LIVE!**

Bay Area Children’s Theatre

Wednesday, April 8 - 9:30am & 11:30pm - Historic Theater

It’s the end of the day for the Llama family. After a long day of adventures at school and the store, Baby Llama can’t wait to put on his red pajamas. This hilarious new musical based on the bestselling books by Anna Dewdney will warm every Llama and Llama Mama’s heart.

**SOMEBODY LOVES YOU, MR. HATCH**

Acis Theatre

Tuesday, May 5 - 9:30am & 11:30am - Historic Theater

Mr. Hatch lives a colorless, ordered life. He goes to work at the shoe lace factory, eats his lunch alone, reads the paper, and then goes to bed...early. Until one Valentine's Day, he receives the biggest surprise of his life! This heartwarming puppet play examines the effect that kindness can have on a dreary existence.

**DOG MAN: THE MUSICAL**

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Friday, October 11 - 9:30am & 11:30am - Historic Theater

Best buds George and Harold have been creating comics for years, but now that they're in 5th grade, they figure it's time to level up and write a musical based on their favorite character, Dog Man, the crime-biting sensation who is part dog, part man, and all hero! The musical is a hilarious new production based on the worldwide bestselling series from the creator of *Captain Underpants*.

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