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## Announcing Overture's 2025/26 'Kids in the Rotunda' season!

**FREE** kid-friendly performances on Saturdays, September 27, 2025, through April 25, 2026

**Madison, Wis.** (Aug. 21, 2025) — Overture Center unveiled its **2025/26 Kids in the Rotunda** lineup on Thursday, Aug. 21 at a season announcement party at the [Madison Children's Museum](#). Kids in the Rotunda is Madison's FREE, family-friendly Saturday arts performance series, featuring local artists on the Rotunda Stage.

Overture Center's **Kids in the Rotunda** series is designed to captivate families of all ages. From renowned folk singers to drum lines and hilarious kid-friendly improv to vibrant Indian dance, our handpicked lineup guarantees an unforgettable experience for your family. While tailored for

children ages nine and younger, these performances will mesmerize both kids and adults alike.

Free 45-minute performances are held at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays. All virtual performances and the 1 p.m. performances will be American Sign Language interpreted.

The series includes a **livestream option once a month** as well as **Art After Overture** at the Madison Public Library and **yoga with little om BIG OM** after select performances. Follow the [Kids in the Rotunda Facebook page](#) or [Overture's Kids in the Rotunda web page](#) for details.

### **New this season!**

#### **Duke Otherwise – Saturday, April 18**

Don't miss the wildly entertaining Duke Otherwise! This playful wordsmith, spirited performer and captivating tap dancer brings music and laughter to audiences of all ages. Expect plenty of audience participation, dancing and downright outrageous fun. *Join us from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Madison Public Library for Art After Overture.*

### **Returning favorites**

#### **Angela Puerta – Saturday, January 31**

Angela Puerta and her band bring a unique blend of entertainment and education to young audiences by incorporating small instruments that kids can play along with during the show. Puerta takes kids on a cultural journey, explaining the vibrant world of traditional Colombian music, dance and Latin rhythms. *Livestreamed.*

#### **LEX – Saturday, February 21**

L.E.X delivers original kid-friendly hip-hop music with positive themes like regulating emotions, being kind, chasing dreams and navigating childhood experiences. This interactive performance engages and inspires young audiences with upbeat, meaningful songs. *Join us from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Madison Public Library for Art After Overture.*

#### **Tom Pease – Saturday March 21**

One of the series' most popular performers, Tom Pease engages children with imaginative songs, humor and full audience participation. Pease's show is highly animated, laced with songs and stories, leaving audiences with a renewed appreciation for their own sense of place and community. *Join us from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Madison Public Library for Art After Overture. Livestreamed.*

### **Sing along with these regional musicians!**

#### **Birds of a Feather – Saturday, November 8**

Birds of a Feather (Little Miss Ann + Suzi Shelton) will perform classic favorites and new songs from their debut album "Rock Together," featuring themes of friendship, adventure and community. *Stick around after the 11 a.m. performance for yoga with little om BIG OM.*

#### **Ken Lonnquist – Saturday, November 22**

Enjoy a delightful performance by Ken Lonnquist, who writes and sings humorous, literate

and thoughtful songs about nature, the environment and current issues.

**Stuart Stotts – Saturday, December 6**

Stuart Stotts is an energetic singer and storyteller who loves engaging audiences. Stotts plays guitar, banjo and water drum, and always includes a folktale to deepen the sense of connection and let audiences experience the magic of storytelling. *Join us from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Madison Public Library for Art After Overture. Livestreamed.*

**David Landau – Saturday, January 10**

Landau's personal appearances are upbeat musical programs that keep children engaged and constantly thinking. Kids will sing some, move some, dance some, shout just a little bit and laugh a bunch. *Stick around after the 11 a.m. performance for yoga with little om BIG OM.*

**Lullaby Project - Saturday, April 25**

Join local musicians and teaching artists for a very special day of sharing songs created for the little ones in your life. Ranging from funny to sweet, calming to danceable and silly to empowering, the concert will include a range of musical styles and audience interaction featuring songs written with local families as part of Overture's Lullaby Project. *Livestreamed.*

**Dance to the beat of the drums.**

**Black Star Drum Line – Saturday, September 27**

Discover the excitement of being in a drum line! This program introduces kids to the dynamic world of drum lines, explaining the different battery sections and the unique role each drummer plays.

**Beni Daiko – Saturday, November 15**

Beni Daiko will introduce Japanese culture through powerful Taiko drumming, traditional lion dance and modern interpretations. Get ready for an interactive experience with audience participation! *Join us from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Madison Public Library for Art After Overture.*

**Drum Power – Saturday, February 7**

The Drum Power advanced performing group features local youth ages 12-16, showcasing drumming and dance from Guinea, Senegal and Mali in West Africa and Salvador Bahia and Rio, Brazil. *Stick around after the 11 a.m. performance for yoga with little om BIG OM.*

**The Handphibians – Saturday, December 13**

The Handphibians will bring the vibrant sounds of Rio de Janeiro, Salvador and Recife, Brazil to life with their songs and traditional drumming rhythms. This Madison-based group of talented percussionists studies and performs various styles of Brazilian music, modeled after the Escolas de Samba of Rio de Janeiro. *Stick around after the 11 a.m. performance for yoga with little om BIG OM.*

**Explore music from around the world.**

**Yid Vicious – Saturday, November 29**

Yid Vicious brings klezmer for all ages to the Rotunda Stage. Get ready to dance as we celebrate the wonders of the season with Yiddish dance beats, special guests and shenanigans galore.

**Panchromatic Steel – Saturday, January 17**

Panchromatic Steel fuses island styles with pop hits, rock and jazz into a high-energy blend that's easy to love. At the heart of their sound is the steelpan, an instrument from Trinidad and Tobago, adding vibrant Caribbean flair. *Join us from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Madison Public Library for Art After Overture.*

**Limanya Drum and Dance – Saturday, April 11**

Performing traditional music from Guinea and Mali, West Africa, Limanya Drum and Dance Ensemble incorporates song, dance, drum and theater into high-energy entertainment for all audiences. *Stick around after the 11 a.m. performance for yoga with little om BIG OM.*

**Dance like nobody is watching!****Kalaanjali Indian Dance – Saturday, March 14**

Experience breathtaking stories of the East through the graceful postures, percussive feet, vibrant costumes and dynamic expressions of the Kalaanjali dancers. Dancers of all ages, some as young as five, captivate with the beauty and elegance of Bharatanatyam-style dancing from southern India.

**Madison Ballet – Saturday, March 28**

Madison Ballet returns to the Rotunda Stage for an “off-stage and personal” look at the development of a ballet dancer. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to experience the Madison Ballet up close! *Join us from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Madison Public Library for Art After Overture.*

**Trinity Irish Dance Academy - Saturday, April 4**

Get ready for a high-energy showcase that will leave you breathless! In this performance, you’ll witness the incredible talent of Trinity students, some as young as 3.5 years old, as they bring traditional Irish steps and vibrant choreography to life on stage.

**Jazz, folk and rock.****Madison Mystery Tour - Saturday, Oct 4**

Driven by love for the Beatles' iconic music, this dedicated ensemble is committed to meticulously studying and flawlessly performing every song from the Fab Four's core catalogue. Come aboard the yellow submarine and join us on a journey to Liverpool and back, as we celebrate love, friendship and music!

**Fox & Branch – Saturday, December 20**

Get ready to sing, dance and laugh with Fox & Branch! This lively duo brings families together with a high-energy mix of traditional and original songs played on guitar, fiddle, banjo and washboard.

**NOLA Tribute – Saturday, February 14**

This talented group, featuring members from Mama Digdown's Brass Band and Madison's top jazz musicians, brings the vibrant sounds of New Orleans Jazz and Secondline music to you. From Louis Armstrong classics to contemporary hits from the streets and clubs of New Orleans, their performance will whisk you away to the heart of the French Quarter and the 6th Ward. *Livestreamed.*

**Yoyos, magicians and animals, oh my!****Zoozort – Saturday, November 1**

Do you love learning about wildlife? Then join us for Zoozort's live animal program, where you'll discover special abilities, behaviors and habitats of some of the world's most amazing animals. *Livestreamed.*

**Magic Morgan & Liliana - Saturday, January 24**

Magic Morgan & Liliana blend the art of illusion and comedy to create wholesome family entertainment. Expect humor, magic, mime and more as they dazzle the audience.

**Mark Hayward – Saturday, February 28**

Mark Hayward's performance is a delightful mix of comedy and object manipulation. Using props like yo-yos, tops, juggling equipment and even a mousetrap, he creates a fun and witty show that everyone can enjoy.

**Calling young thespians!****Monkey Business Institute – Saturday, October 11**

Join the Monkey Business Institute for a high-energy show featuring fast-paced improv comedy games! Using audience suggestions and inviting volunteers on stage, they'll create a hilarious and interactive experience.

**Whoopensocker – Saturday, October 18**

Whoopensocker arts residency program and performing ensemble works with emergent readers and writers to create original theater pieces. The cast, led by a director and artistic producer, create a 45-minute sketch show made up entirely from the students' writing. This show is a combination of sketches, songs and physical theater. *Join us from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Madison Public Library for Art After Overture.*

**The Jerry Ensemble Saturday, October 25**

The Jerry Ensemble of Southern Wisconsin, a premier performance group representing Overture's Jerry Awards, will perform Disney's "Finding Nemo KIDS." Join us and witness the future stars of musical theater in action! *Livestreamed.*

**Special performances you won't want to miss!****Wayne the Wizard - Wednesday, October 29, 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.*****Special Downtown Madison Halloween performances, supported by Madison's Business Improvement District***

You can expect spooky fun and silly surprises at this special Kids in the Rotunda event!

Wayne the Wizard brings Halloween to life with colorful magic, comedy ventriloquism and lots of audience participation.

**Cash Box Kings – Friday, November 28, 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

***Special Thanksgiving weekend performances, supported by Madison's Business Improvement District***

The Cash Box Kings bring the classic Chicago blues era to life, tailored to teach children about this timeless genre. Families can dance, sing and even join the band on stage to play harmonica.

**International Festival – Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Although it's not an official Kids in the Rotunda performance, Overture's annual International Festival is a cultural celebration for the whole family with performances, activities and vendors set up throughout the building all day long. The event is free and open to the public.

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