



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contacts:

Shari Gasper | Director of Communications and Editorial Content | sgasper@overture.org | 608.443.1756

Mary Cait McManamon | Social Media and Editorial Content Manager | mmcmanamon@overture.org | 608.665.9367

[Click here for photos.](#)



Overture kicks off free 2024/25 “Kids in the Rotunda” series in October

SPECIAL HALLOWEEN PERFORMANCES ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

Madison, Wis. (Sept. 27, 2024) — [Kids in the Rotunda](#), Madison’s family-friendly, FREE Saturday arts performance series, kicks off its first performance of the season on Overture Center’s Rotunda stage with [Black Star Drum Line](#) on **Saturday, Oct. 5**. This month offers a variety of five shows, including two special Halloween performances by [Monkey Business](#) on **Wednesday, Oct. 30!**

Overture Center’s Kids in the Rotunda series is designed to captivate families of all ages. From renowned folk singers to dynamic percussion groups 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.

The Rotunda Café will be open during shows to offer coffee, juice and snacks for sale with part of the proceeds benefiting Overture Center.

In addition, families are invited to participate in “**Arts After Overture**” in partnership with the Madison Public Library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on **Oct. 12**. The sessions provide arts experiences related to the morning’s Kids in the Rotunda performance. Plus, **little om BIG OM yoga** is also back this season and will lead youngsters in family-friendly yoga sessions at 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. on **Oct. 19**. A **livestream option is available on Oct. 30**. Visit the [Kids in the Rotunda Facebook page](#) or follow [Overture’s Kids in the Rotunda web page](#) for updates.

Free 45-minute performances will be held at **9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** All virtual performances and the 1 p.m. performances will be American Sign Language interpreted. Please email kidsintherotunda@overture.org at least one hour prior to the performance to be seated within sight of the interpreter for live performances.

OCTOBER KIDS IN THE ROTUNDA LINEUP

Saturday, Oct. 5 – Black Star Drum Line

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. Kids will have the chance to join in and play alongside the drum line during the performance, which will include the group’s signature cadences that will get everyone dancing for a super funky good time!

Saturday, Oct. 12 – Angela Puerta

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. The interactive experience not only keeps kids engaged but also fosters a love for music in both English and Spanish. Puerta takes kids on a cultural journey, explaining the vibrant world of traditional Colombian music, including dance styles like cumbia, as well as other lively Latin rhythms, such as salsa and merengue. It’s not just a show; it’s an opportunity for kids to immerse themselves in a different culture. Kids can join in, sing along and even learn some basic Spanish words in a fun and interactive way.

+Art After Overture

Saturday, Oct. 19 – NOLA Tribute

****Special appearance by Leroy James, a Preservation Hall trumpeter and founder of the legendary Fairview Baptist Brass Band and Hurricane Brass Band!***

Get ready for a musical journey with the New Orleans Tribute! 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—no plane ticket needed. 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. Join us in the Rotunda for sing-along tunes, instrument-themed songs and a mini parade that will get everyone moving. Bring a handkerchief, grab an umbrella and let the good times roll!

+Yoga with little om BIG OM

Saturday, Oct. 26 – Danz Trad

Experience a cultural journey across Mexico with DanzTrad, a Madison-based dance group. From the ancient Mexicas (Aztecs) to the vibrant Charros with their big sombreros, the audience will explore

Mexico's rich traditions and music through captivating dance performances. DanzTrad aims to present, represent and promote Mexican culture, art and traditions to all generations.

SPECIAL HALLOWEEN PERFORMANCES: Wednesday, Oct. 30, 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. – Monkey Business (+LIVESTREAMED)

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. Plus, they'll weave in educational moments to help kids learn new skills and vocabulary while having a blast!

Presented in partnership with Madison's Central Business Improvement District as part of Downtown Madison Family Halloween

Funding provided by Madison Gas & Electric, American Girl's Fund for Children and UnityPoint Health-Meriter with additional funding from Ian's Pizza and contributions to Overture Center for the Arts.

OVERTURE CENTER FOR THE ARTS in Madison, Wis., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization that features seven state-of-the-art performance spaces and four galleries where national and international touring artists, nine resident companies and hundreds of local artists engage people in more than 500,000 educational and artistic experiences each year. Overture's mission is to support and elevate our community's creative culture, economy and quality of life through the arts. overture.org

###