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**DOWNTOWN HOLLAND ANNOUNCES ARTIST LINE-UP AND EVENT  
SPONSOR FOR 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEEKLY STREET  
PERFORMER SERIES**

Holland, MI— The Street Performer Series turns 10 this year and Downtown Holland is pleased to announce that another exciting line-up of talented performing artists have been selected for this summer's event, sponsored by Gentex Corporation. With 34 performance locations throughout Downtown Holland and a total of 94 artists and groups performing on a rotating basis, this year's series will be the largest in the history of the Series and certainly one of the most memorable.

“It's hard to believe that we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Street Performer Series this summer,” said Downtown Holland Marketing and Promotions Coordinator Kara de Alvare. “We are extremely grateful for the hundreds of performers who have participated in the Series, to our Downtown Holland merchants, our event sponsors and of course, to the entire community for their support of this event. We are honored to be able to bring the performing arts to the streets of Downtown each summer. We are looking forward to another great summer and many more to come.”

The Street Performer Series kicks off Thursday, June 12 and continues every Thursday night this summer until August 28. From 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm every Thursday, performing artists from all backgrounds will line the sidewalks to provide engaging entertainment and fun for the whole family. The line-up of performers includes musicians, jugglers, caricature artists, magicians, dancers, henna tattoo artists, balloon twisters, aerial acrobats and so much more. While the Series is free to attend, performers will be busking for tips and tipping is highly encouraged.

This year's Series has been expanded to include additional performance locations on River Avenue. In addition, a special guest performer will be featured on the first Thursday of every month. Stilt-walker and hula hooper extraordinaire Micheal Hayataka will be on hand to help kick off the Street Performer Series on Thursday, June 12. Just look up while you are strolling around on Thursday night and you are sure to spot him!

“Gentex Corporation is excited to help bring the Street Performer Series to Downtown Holland this summer,” said Bruce Los, Senior Vice President at Gentex Corporation. “We encourage the entire community to take advantage of this free opportunity to engage in the performing arts.”

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The 2014 Downtown Holland Street Performer Series is sponsored by Gentex Corporation with support from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs through the Holland Area Arts Council. For more information on the Street Performer Series, please contact the Downtown Holland Principal Shopping District at 616.796.1210.

The line-up for the 2014 Street Performer Series includes:

### **Balloon Twisters**

#### **Dan The Magic Man**

Dan is a self-taught balloon artist who performs regularly at birthday parties, scouting events and art fairs. He also volunteers weekly at several nursing homes, performing card tricks and visiting with elderly residents.

#### **The Balloon Guy**

Jim Perry, also known as “The Balloon Guy,” has been twisting balloons for more than 30 years. He can make more than 100 different animals, swords, flowers and hats and has been entertaining crowds at the Street Performer Series since 2006.

#### **Mady Buursma**

Mady learned her balloon twisting talents from her mother when she was just 10 years old. She can make 25 different balloon animals, bracelets and swords and enjoys working with children at a variety of community and church events.

### **Caricature and Graphic Artists**

#### **Caricatures by Britta**

Britta first learned to draw caricatures during a summer job at Michigan’s Adventure while attending Grand Valley State University for Illustration. She now draws independently at different events and enjoys interacting with costumers while giving them a silly memento they can keep forever.

### **Caricatures by Corey Ruffin**

Corey is a nationally renowned caricaturist, having illustrated for events all over the country. Trained under MAD Magazine's Tom Richmond, his flair for comedy and exaggeration is guaranteed to tickle your funny bone.

### **Gene Haulenbeek**

Gene is an experienced caricature artist who has earned a great reputation for the quality of his work in many different venues. Using a black marker and blender he will draw creative portraits of you and your friends.

### **Sally Starr**

For 37 years Sally has been delighting audiences by transforming their fingerprints into a cartoon-like animal and placing it into a badge as a keepsake. Everyone enjoys this art form, young and old alike!

### **Thumb Buddy Loves You**

"Thumb Buddy Loves You!" is a multi-generational family art project. Grandma Melody Peterson and her granddaughter Clarissa Kovacs work together to create artwork keepsakes out of a child's own thumbprint.

### **Circus Acts**

#### **Bangarang Circus**

Bangarang Circus Arts is a collective of performance artists who share a passion for all things circus and a desire for community. It is their goal to offer the circus arts to everyone who seeks it. Bangarang Circus specializes in aerial arts, hooping and acrobatics

### **Dancers**

#### **Circle Junkeez Crew**

The Circle Junkeez are a dynamic b-boy style dance crew from Holland who love to perform and entertain audiences. They travel throughout the Midwest and across the United States to battle in top-notch break-dancing competitions.

#### **Rose of eDance**

Rose teaches, performs and competes in west coast swing, hustle, bachata, and Middle Eastern dance, and enjoys engaging her audiences by spreading the love of dance. She owns eDance LLC in Grand Rapids, and will be making her second appearance in the Series this year.

### **Mystic**

Maribel Garza has been a belly dancer for over 12 years and Middle Eastern dancing is her passion. She has attended many seminars where she gets to meet and continue learning more about the art form from professional dancers.

### **Henna, Temporary Tattoo and Face Paint Artists**

#### **Henna Tattoos by Anna Schierbeek**

Anna Schierbeerck is a junior at Kendall College of Art and Design with a Drawing major and a Painting minor. She started her henna tattoo business five years ago and is grateful for the continued the opportunity to participate in the Street Performer Series.

### **Face Painting by Dez**

Dezarae draws a variety of face paintings including flowers and cartoon characters like Elmo using fluorescent paints, facial glitter and stick on gems. She enjoys entertaining children, including her own son and other young family members.

### **Elisabeth Kruizenga**

Elisabeth uses Sharpie markers to create temporary tattoos on people in a creative and unique way. Elisabeth loves to meet new people while demonstrating her love of art for Street Performer Series audiences and is looking forward to her fourth year in the Series.

### **Kara Seymour**

Kara is a Hope College student pursuing a degree in Studio Art. With her skills and knowledge in artistry she will apply glitter and henna tattoos to those who wish to wear her expressions of creativity.

### **Karz Paintz**

Kristen Zamora began face painting three years ago while living in Fort Lauderdale. Since then she has moved back to her hometown of Paw Paw, Michigan, and started her own business in 2012. Her favorite part of the job is seeing the kids grin from ear to ear after seeing their painting.

### **Painting For Water**

Robert Trethewey and Eddie Moncada will be face painting a variety of graphics for kids of all ages including cartoon characters, flowers, sports and other assorted designs. All proceeds from the Series will be donated to Water For Life.

### **Hoopers and Yo-Yoers**

#### **Connor Scholten “Flying Fingers”**

Connor has competed in several competitions around the country and has won multiple awards, including the Michigan State Yo-Yo Championship and the 2nd annual Grand Rapid’s Got Talent Competition. This is Connor’s 10th year performing in the Series. He name his act Flying Fingers, the name that was first coined when he performed in the inaugural Street Performer Series.

### **Hoopin’ Hales**

Haylie has been hooping for a year and a half and wishes to spread the positivity that is emulated through hula-hoop dance. She will be demonstrating her dancing as well as various hula-hooping tricks during her Street Performer Series debut.

### **Miss Audacious and The Audacious Hoopers**

Miss Audacious and the Audacious Hoopers is a dynamic performance group that has been showcasing the best and boldest in professional hoop dance since 2008. Taking

hoop dance to a new level, the Audacious Hoopers incorporate circus tricks, flow skills and audience interaction for an unforgettable experience that wows adults and children alike.

### **String Fury**

Luke Westrate and Sky Lownds are a yo-yo duo out of Whitehall. They have been yo-yoing together for the past three years. On Thursday nights, they will be performing intermediate to advanced yo-yo tricks and skills to music.

### **Magicians**

#### **Andrew Fathman**

Andrew has been practicing magic and illusions for six years, ever since he discovered his mother was once a magician as well. He loves seeing the look of amazement on someone's face when they have experienced the impossible.

#### **Brad Lancaster**

Brad is a talented magician, puppeteer, balloon artist and juggler who has been performing for over 30 years. Each of his performances offer a sense of good, clean humor, quick-wit and surprise that makes his show a marvelous offering of illusion and pure enjoyment that audiences of all ages, interests and backgrounds are sure to love.

#### **Jonathan Hulst**

Jonathan is a young magician who has been performing for about five years. He relies on card tricks to impress his audience. His favorite thing to do is to perform, and he always has two decks of cards with him to leave even the adults in the audience puzzled.

#### **Maciek the Magician**

Maciek is an award-winning magician crowned by the community as Holland's favorite act. He has appeared on a variety of TV shows, and won the to award on AMC's original series "Showville." Maciek performs with a unique, energetic style that audiences of all ages can relate to.

#### **The Almost Amazing Marco**

The Almost Amazing Marco has been almost thrilling audiences with his uncanny ability to predict what people will say or do. His predictions are fun and the show is family-oriented. Marco has been performing magic for 12 years.

#### **The Magic Of Trino**

Trino began his journey in magic at the age of 13 as a way to pick up girls...not long after he realized that wasn't going to happen! With a unique style, Trino has helped bring magic up-to-date by using a combination of popular music, comedy and theatrics. Trino recently won first place at West Michigan's Got Talent.

#### **Zachary Coles**

The fun started at age 11 when Zachary's uncle showed him a simple, mathematical card trick, and after that he was hooked on magical illusions. Zachary was a contest winner for

the Broadway hit Cirque Dreams Illumination and took 3rd place in a close-up magic contest held by FAB Magic. Recently, he joined the AMTC (Actors Models and Talent for Christ) and is pursuing his dream.

### **Mimes, Jugglers and Clowns**

#### **Bria West**

Bria is a 19-year-old soccer player at Cornerstone University. She has been soccer juggling since she was nine, and has fallen in love with it. She enjoys teaching kids how to play soccer in her free time.

#### **Juggler Gerry Bose**

Gerry has been a juggling enthusiast his whole life. Gerry is the former president of the Grand Rapids Juggling Club and has hosted four juggling festivals at the UICA in Grand Rapids. He is a member of the International Jugglers Association who had performed at a number of festivals and events and is particularly proud of his interview on National Public Radio.

#### **Mat Emerick**

Mat engages the audience with a gift for comedy, mimicry and silent acting reminiscent of great mimes and physical comedians like Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton and Red Skelton. Mat tosses, balances and spins a variety of objects in a juggling show that will both excite and amuse an audience of any age.

#### **Will Juggle**

Will Oltman has been juggling for over 15 years. You will be impressed by the multitude of objects he can juggle while bantering with the crowd. Clubs, balls and rings, yes, but also traditional cigar boxes, shaker cups, Chinese yo-yo, tennis cans, a hat, cane and more!

### **Musicians**

#### **Alec Haas**

Alec will be entertaining his audiences with both covers of popular songs and some of his original music, often improvising and allowing his passion to control the sound. As a music enthusiast he plans on heading to Nashville in the fall to pursue a career in music.

#### **Alex Perez**

Alex is a long-time musician and songwriter, as well as a full-time music student. He started writing music when he was in high school and it quickly became one of his passions. He has performed at a wide array of events and has also released a full-length album.

#### **Benjy Joung**

Benjy has been playing cello for eight years and is currently training classically to become a professional musician. Do not be fooled; he also enjoys playing bluegrass, jazz and improvising to educate, inspire and thrill the patrons of the Downtown Street Performer Series.

**Birch and Oak**

Samuel Boerckel and Chase Ockerse have been playing music together for over three years. They have led their church's worship team, played in their high school's jazz and concert bands and performed on the streets of Downtown Holland together

**Breaktime**

Breaktime is a barbershop quartet composed of members of the Holland Windmill Chorus. They have performed at churches, schools, parties, corporate functions and the Street Performer Series for over three years.

**Brioso String Quartet**

From Bach to Broadway to the Beatles and beyond, the Brioso String Quartet plays music for all ages. Violinists Amy Piersma and Tammy Clark hold college degrees in violin performance and have performed with the Holland Symphony. Laurie Van Ark plays the viola and is also active with the Holland Symphony. Cellist Ginger VandenBrink is a charter member of Brioso and the Holland Symphony. She also teaches private cello lessons.

**Brucie Cooke**

Brucie began taking piano and horn lessons when he was a child growing up in Holland. Since retiring from teaching, he enjoys pursuing his longtime appreciation for music by playing guitar and percussion and singing folk and blues. This is Brucie's sixth year performing in the Series.

**Calico**

Calico has been playing at an assortment of local venues for over 20 years. Members Peg Becker, Dave Kinsman, Gary Vrugink, Joe Thorstenson and Jack Dastoli sing and play an eclectic mix of genres on the guitar, banjo, harmonica and percussion.

**Clay Howard**

Clay Howard has been performing music as a solo artist and in bands for the past 25 years. He has played on stages from Memphis to Michigan and from Atlanta to New York City, playing both original songs and cover music.

**Dan Davis**

Returning for his sixth year in the Street Performer Series, Dan has performed country, folk, pop, and Irish music for 50 years in a multitude of different venues.

**Dan Geary**

Dan has been playing saxophone for eight years. He has received a superiority award in both regional and state MSBOA solo and ensemble festivals. He also received a Michigan Youth Arts Festival nomination. During the Series he will use improvisation and saxophone mastery to create a fun atmosphere for fans of all ages.

**Danny Hargrove**

Danny is an exciting new artist bringing Chicago-style blues in an acoustic one-man package, occasionally sprinkling in guilty pleasure songs from the 80's to keep things fun and interesting. His percussive guitar style and superb rack harmonica playing combined with his big voice fill out his complete sound.

### **Denny Schepel**

Born and raised in the Holland area, Denny grew up listening to honky-tonk and began playing guitar at age five. In 1981 he had a terrible accident with a table saw, which limited his playing, but not his love for music. He relearned to play using open tunings and two fingers. 100% of his tips go to the Holland Deacons conference.

### **Dixie Brass**

Dixie Brass plays traditional Dixie music, jazz standards and a few popular tunes. The members are all lifelong musicians that display their talents at a variety of community events all over Michigan.

### **Doug Marlink**

Doug began playing banjo in the mid 1970's. He performs mostly bluegrass and some jazz music on the banjo. He is a regular performer both in Downtown Holland and at the Holland Farmers Market.

### **Dune Grass Duet**

Band members Justin Merriman and Collin Saunders are both members of the Grand Haven High School's top orchestra and will be performing folk and bluegrass music during the Series. Justin plays the viola, ukulele, guitar and banjo and Collin plays the guitar and cello, along with singing.

### **Dying Will Be Easy**

Brothers James and Ben Woiwode, along with friend Cameron Hurd, have been playing music together on and off for more than 10 years. The three have compiled an extensive repertoire consisting of many originals along with covers of old blues tunes such as "Jesus Gonna Make Up My Dying Bed" by Blind Willie Johnson, their namesake song.

### **E2**

E2 is made up of friends Emmalyse Kleyn, a keyboardist, ukulele player and singer, and Esther Pleune, a keyboardist, guitarist, ukulele player and singer. E2 started playing together six years ago and have performed in churches and camps around the area along with multiple Broadway productions.

### **Ethan Heyboer**

Sixteen-year-old Ethan has been studying cello for six years and has been a member of the Holland Area Youth Orchestra for the past four years. He will be using his talents to perform a variety of pieces for the audience.

### **40 Street**



Formerly known as the Asthmatic Blueberries, 40 Street features the talented musicians Skyler Adams and Erik Durham. Their music has become more original and more raw with both musicians focusing on the instruments they feel strongest with...Erik on piano and Skyler on percussion, with both band members providing vocals.

### **Funnel Sunday**

Funnel Sunday is an indie, folk-style duo comprised of Laura Brouwer and Al Gemmen. They have been playing together for three years, first as a praise band, before branching out over a year ago to perform as Funnel Sunday. They cover everything from The Civil Wars and Adele to Mumford & Sons and Simon and Garfunkel.

### **Joel and Grace VanZanten**

Joel has been playing violin for seven years. He is a member of the Holland Christian High School Orchestra and has played with the Holland Youth Orchestra. Grace has been studying violin for the past four years. Joel and Grace both enjoy raising money to donate to various charities.

### **Hannah Johnson**

Hannah is a music aficionada and has taught herself how to play the guitar as well as the ukulele. She has been playing the banjo for two years, and the violin for six years. She will be accompanying herself vocally as she performs. This is her second year in the Series.

### **Jaren & Jade LaGore**

Sisters Jaren and Jade bring a fun energy to the Street Performer Series and have a great time entertaining people with their musical talents. They cover songs ranging from the Beatles to current pop hits.

### **Joe Heemstra**

Joe has been playing electric guitar for six years and enjoys playing classic rock and guitar instrumentals. He has also written and co-written several songs of his own. Joe recently became the lead guitarist for the band Vertical Bridge.

### **John Kite and Kirby York**

John and Kirby are an American roots band that entertains the crowds with rockabilly, country, folk, and blues music. John hails from California, while Kirby comes from Florida, and both have lived, worked and performed locally in West Michigan for several years now.

### **Jordan Nederveld**

Jordan is the founder of Coda Studios, a professional guitar lessons studio and wedding music provider based in Jenison. He has been playing the guitar for 20 years and has been teaching for 15 years. He enjoys playing an array of musical styles.

### **Joshua Ruitter and Andrew Plaisier**

Joshua and Andrew are both classically trained cellists who love entertaining audiences by playing their own arrangements of pop and rock. They recently won a talent competition at Calvin College with their rendition of “Welcome to the Jungle”.

### **Josie Vandermolen**

When she received a ukulele for Christmas, Josie’s passion for music fueled her ambition to teach herself how to play chords on the instrument. Over time, her confidence in performing had grown and she is excited to share her skills while performing popular cover songs during the Series.

### **Kayden Bryce**

Ten-year-old Kayden Bryce has four years of theater experience, two years of guitar and vocal revues and seven years of dance. Kayden sings and plays acoustic versions of songs popularized by artists such as Katy Perry, Taylor Swift, Adele, and Sara Bareilles. She can also play by ear, so requests are always welcome!

### **Kaylie McConnell**

Kaylie has been playing violin for five years. She is in the top orchestra at her high school, and plays in the Holland Youth Symphony Orchestra. She loves performing for people and playing a variety of music, including fiddle tunes, pop and classical music. This will be Kaylie’s third year in the Series.

### **Kellie & Zac**

Kellie Grysen and Zac Toth have been playing together for three years. After a previous appearance in the Downtown Street Performer Series in 2012, singer Kellie and guitarist Zac decided to return this year to bring their music to the people.

### **La Bella Vita**

La Bella Vita has been singing together for over four years. They sing in many parts, harmonies and languages (Japanese, Spanish, Italian, German, French and English) and have earned top ratings while competing in large and small ensembles.

### **La Blu**

Jack Garcia and Jared Norwood have been involved in music from a very young age. As students at West Ottawa High School, they hope people feel the music through their performance of blues, funk, jazz and popular music.

### **Lia Weiss-Gelmi**

Lia is a nine-year-old who has loved playing piano since the age of three. She loves her piano teacher and enjoys taking her piano lesson during school. She enjoys playing songs such as “Allegro”, “Minuet in G” and the popular hit “Let It Go” from the movie “Frozen”.

### **Logan Dolence**

Logan loves to act and sing and has experience performing in a variety of shows in the West Michigan area. He is involved in the dance ensemble program and Madrigals

program at Zeeland High School, and is an aspiring Broadway performer. He will be singing a wide array of songs sure to please the crowds.

**Mackenzie TenBrink**

Eleven-year-old Mackenzie loves to perform, and she is extremely excited to sing and play the guitar and ukulele in the Street Performer Series this year. She hopes to be a music artist when she grows up.

**Marlies Otteman**

Marlies is a 13-year-old singer and guitarist who plays a mix of pop and country favorites as well as a few well-known classics. She has been playing since she was eleven, and loves to captivate audiences with her musical talents.

**Matthew Banas**

Matthew, a student at Aquinas College, will be making his second appearance in the Series as he sings a collection of tunes accompanied by his acoustic guitar. He enjoys playing both in the Series and at the Holland Farmers Market.

**Michael Fleckenstein**

Michael is a singer/ songwriter involved professionally in folk, bluegrass and country music for over 40 years. During the course of his career he has performed with Tommy Cash, Jack Greene, Katlyn Rose and Gordon Lightfoot, among others.

**Miquel Fuentes**

Miquel loves music and has been playing the cello since he was 11. He also studied piano for nine years. He will be performing his repertoire of classical music for the Street Performer Series audiences.

**Nate and Karl**

Nate Roberts and Karl Fleck will be playing a mix of bluegrass, old-time and Irish tunes on guitar, mandolin and banjo. They wish to share their love for acoustic music with the audience and look forward to playing their music together.

**Randy & Darlene Schaap**

Darlene plays a number of different instruments including, flute, Irish penny whistle and over 70 different hand percussion instruments. Randy plays cajon, Irish penny whistle, harmonica, congas, djembe, bodhran, keyboards, bass guitar, udu drum and hand percussion. The two recently appeared on “Showville”, a reality TV show on the AMC channel.

**Roosevelt Jones**

Roosevelt Jones combines the musical talents of guitarist/vocalist Mike McCarty and drummer Joe Lehman. With a sweet spot for the blues, the Grand Rapids duo’s eclectic tastes also include covers of vintage pop, country and Celtic tunes.

**Shannon Hughes**

Shannon sings and accompanies herself on piano or guitar. She has a rich, bluesy, mellow singing voice and a great stage presence. Her style ranges from acoustic to popular songs and jazz favorites.

### **Steam Powered Bluegrass**

Steam Powered Bluegrass was formed by five bluegrass veterans, with many years of playing experience. With their clean, tasteful instrumentation, close two and three part harmonies and just the right mix of humor, they provide a stage show that will leave folks wanting more.

### **Steph Gillett**

Steph has been performing publically since she was five years old. She enjoys playing the guitar and singing, and will be doing so for the crowds at the Series.

### **The Appleberries**

Guitarist Christopher Rodriguez and bassist Forrest Dodson have been playing music for nine years. They met vocalist Kelsey Castillo at Hope College and have been playing music together ever since. Each member has had classical training and has spent years perfecting their talents.

### **The Irish Street Musician: Celtic Kilroy**

Celtic Kilroy plays a variety of instruments, including guitar, banjo, harmonica, Irish penny whistle, Irish drum and rhythm bones. He was a member of the Kwils, a popular Celtic band, which was disbanded after a twenty-year musical journey. In 2012 Celtic Kilroy also began studying the art of human statue, which has become one of the most favorite attractions at many events.

### **The Jimmy Rustlerz**

Jordan Hill and Micah Gargala make up this instrumental acoustic guitar duo. With a combined 18 years of guitar experience between the two of them, they have built a lot of chemistry together, which translates into fresh improvisation that makes every performance unique. This will be their fourth year in the Street Performer Series.

### **The Willows**

The Willows is a brother and sister duo made up of Thomas and Lindsay Timmerman. The singing/songwriting pair will perform covers and original pieces on the acoustic guitar accompanied by vocals.

### **Time Out**

Time Out is a jazz quartet featuring Tommy Pancy and Luke Dionise on the saxophone, Even Schippers on drums and Nick Sterenberg on the keyboard. This quartet of young men play everything from 40's swing to modern jazz.

### **Trenton Van Bronkhorst**

Trenton first began drumming at the age of two using his mother's pots and pans. He began taking weekly drum lessons and is now proficient in a variety of musical styles, including Latin, jazz, funk, rock and even country.

### **Tucas**

Thomas Timmerman and Lucas Sturgess have been playing music together since they were freshmen in high school. Lucas and Thomas have created a musical/comedic duo called Tucas that makes weekly videos on YouTube, and despite the newness of their channel have gained a lot of praise from members of the Saugatuck community, their hometown.

### **Tunes N' Tales by Tricia**

Tricia provides family interactive entertainment for all ages. The combination of her degrees in early childhood development and reading education with over 30 years of classroom experience, made Tunes n' Tales seem like the natural next step. Kids are invited to sing along, interact with puppets, play along with musical instruments and enjoy the fun!

### **12 Feet Tall**

Amanda Visser has been singing since the age of three, while Michael Terpstra has been playing the guitar for ten years. Both have been writing songs for a while and through conversation of their mutual love of songwriting and music, 12 Feet Tall was born.

### **Zach Rasmusson**

Zach is an independent folk artist who writes his own original songs. Music is his passion. He has been playing the guitar for over a decade, training other musicians and leading bands along the way. Though he is a solo singer/guitarist, he uses a loop station to create a full band's sound. This will be his second year in the Series.

### **Puppetry and Theatre**

#### **Kevin Kammeraad and Cooperfly Puppet Troupe, featuring Andres Salguero**

Through puppetry, music, poetry, audience participation, multimedia and humor, Kevin and the Cooperfly Puppet Troupe, featuring Adres Salguero, captivates people of all ages. Their programs are dynamic, age appropriate and educational.

### **Robert Engle**

Robert is a puppet enthusiast and crowds love to watch his puppets dance to recorded ragtime music. Robert has performed his show at a variety of different venues, including two nights a week for a full year at street side evening markets in Lampang, Thailand.

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