

**SPRING 2026**



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**JAN  
27**

## AFRICAN FOLKTALES

From the desert lands of the Sahara to the plains of the Serengeti to Mount Kilimanjaro and beyond – join a variety of characters from a wide range of cultures in stories that celebrate the various folk tale traditions of the continent of Africa. African music helps to set the stage for these energetic stories. Our stories include Anansi, Pourquoi Tales and many facts and figures about this incredible continent.

**10  
AM**

**1 HR**

**PK-5**



## BROKEN BROGUE

Join us for a St Patrick's Day celebration! Broken Brogue is a four-piece Irish band based in Decatur, Illinois that plays a variety of Celtic music rooted in the time-honored artistic traditions of Ireland and Scotland. Noted for their relaxed and warm-hearted performing style, their performances are informed by the diverse musical backgrounds of the members. Their sentiment is always to bring people together through a mutual appreciation of the Celtic musical tradition and the sincere emotion and enjoyment that comes with it.

**MAR  
10**

**10  
AM**

**1 HR**

**K-8**

**APR  
17**

## DECATUR YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra (DYSO) is an auditioned ensemble of talented student musicians from grades 6–12 across the Decatur area. Under the direction of Dr. Neal Smith and Brianna Webb, DYSO members rehearse and perform challenging symphonic repertoire in a supportive, collaborative setting. Drawing on the resources of Millikin University and the Millikin/Decatur Symphony Orchestra, this performance highlights the dedication, artistry, and musical growth of these young orchestral performers.

**10  
AM**

**1 HR**

**K-8**



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SHOW	DATE	GRADES	COST
African Folktales	1/27/2026	Pre-K - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$5 Per Student
Broken Brogue	3/10/2026	K-8	\$5 Per Student
Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra	4/17/2026	K-8	FREE
All performances are at 10 am at Kirkland Fine Arts Center		Reservations open Tuesday, November 18 <sup>th</sup> at 9 AM	

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## Important Information:

**Sign-Up:** A Google Form will be posted at [decaturarts.org/PASS](https://decaturarts.org/PASS) on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. All reservations must be made online through this form. As shows fill up, those options will be removed from the form.

**Time, Location, and Length of Programs:** All performances begin at 10 AM and are held at Kirkland Fine Arts Center. Each show lasts approximately 1 hour. Please plan for possible bus drop-off and pick-up delays. Ensuring student safety takes time and we appreciate your patience on performance days.

**Price:** All shows are \$5 per student, except for the Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra performance on April 17, which is completely free. Teachers and chaperones attend free of charge (limit 1 adult per 5 students; no limit for SPED aides or paras).

**Scholarships:** Bus grants are available for up to \$150 per bus! Please request on your sign-up form.

**Study Guides:** Study guides are prepared for each show and will be emailed to participating schools and uploaded to [decaturarts.org/PASS](https://decaturarts.org/PASS).

**Billing Procedure:** Invoices will be sent approximately 3 weeks before each performance. Payment is requested no later than 10 days after the performance date. Please note: we cannot accept payment on the day of the show.

**Grade Recommendations:** Grade recommendations are simply guidelines. Use your best judgment to decide which performances are most appropriate for your students.

## What to Have Ready for Sign-Ups:

- School Contact and mailing information.
- Which performances you plan to attend.
- Number of students attending each show.
- Number of adults attending each show.
- Number of bus scholarships you will request.

## Another Arts Council Field Trip Opportunity:

Gallery Field Trips are open to school and community groups of all ages! Field trip lessons are designed to develop observation skills, discussing about art, and hands-on creativity

- Who: Area youth, family, neighborhood, senior, and community groups.
- What: Guided tour of the exhibit in the Anne Lloyd Gallery followed by a hands-on art project in the Barnett Art Studio with an instructor.
- When: By Appointment (Tuesday-Friday, 8:30-4:30)
- Cost: \$100 for groups up to 20 (\$5 per each additional student)

**For questions, please call 217-423-3189 or email [emma@decaturarts.org](mailto:emma@decaturarts.org)**

