



# IMAGINATION SERIES

≡ FOR STUDENTS ≡

The Bijou Theatre is proud to present our *Imagination Series* - offering a field trip experience for students to engage and uplift all learners through quality arts education in ways that spark curiosity, build empathy, and inspire creativity. We hope that your classroom will join us!

## 2022-2023 season:

### Friday, December 9, 2022

Doors: 9:30 AM / Show: 10:00 AM



This performance features the stage adaptation of three contemporary stories by New York Times bestselling author and illustrator Todd Parr staged by Mermaid Theatre Company. With his signature blend of playfulness and sensitivity, Todd Parr explores important and timely subjects. **It's Okay to Be Different** cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding, and self-confidence. Equally whimsical and heartfelt, **The Earth Book**, is a sweet homage to our beautiful planet inspiring readers of all ages to do their part to keep the Earth happy and healthy. **This is My Hair** is a funny exploration of how silly hair can be and that no matter how your hair looks, always feel good about yourself.

### Thursday, February 16, 2023

Doors: 9:30 AM / Show: 10:00 AM

New York Times best-selling author Kwame Alexander brings two of his beloved children's books—**Acoustic Rooster** and **Indigo Blume**—to the stage in a world premiere Kennedy Center commission. Alexander teams up with his writing partner Mary Rand Hess and long-time musical collaborator Randy Preston to tell a story about being scared, being brave, and believing in yourself. With special guests like Duck Ellington and Ms. Dairy Parton—plus Preston appearing as Acoustic Rooster—this musical adaptation will have children dancing in their seats.



Best for Grades K - 3

60 minutes - No Intermission

Price: \$6/student



## Teacher Resources

To enhance your students' understanding, we provide guidebooks that offer thematic learning units, lesson plan suggestions, and background information that will help you create classroom and life learning contexts for your students. Each guidebook provides specific production details, artistic insights, and study materials for use before and after each performance.

## Ticket Subsidies

The Bijou doesn't want cost to be a barrier for your students to experience the arts, so please contact us if you have questions about ticket prices. A limited number of ticket subsidies are available to schools in need of funding assistance when requested in advance. Subsidy requests should include the economically disadvantaged percentage of your school, and must be submitted in writing before the final attendance count and payment are submitted. For more information on how to qualify for subsidies, contact us at 865-522-0832.

## Travel Grants

Any school may apply for assistance with their travel costs by filling out our Travel Grant Application. Travel Grants reimburse 50% of your travel costs and will be distributed after required documentation has been submitted to the Bijou.

**To make a reservation for your classroom or learn more,  
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