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# Snow Day!

## Children's Entertainer Phil Baker Celebrates Winter In Show Set For Marian Auditorium

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Catching snowflakes, making snowmen, zipping down a hill on a sled.

The magic of snow lives in every child's heart, and area children will get the chance to celebrate fun in the snow next weekend.

Children's entertainer Phil Baker will be performing his latest show, "It's a Snow Day," at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Mount Marty College's Marian Auditorium in Yankton. The snow-themed performance will feature numerous original songs, many of which were written by Baker specifically for this show. Titles include "I'm a Carrot Without a Snowman," "It's a Snow Day," "The Magic of Snow," "The Great Big Puddle" and "Little Snowflake."

"I'm really looking forward to this," Baker said. "This is going to be a new adventure for me to do this show. I've been working on the songs for quite a while. I've had a lot of fun writing them, and I think the kids will enjoy it."

Baker said the performance will also include some scarf juggling, as well as a magic trick.

"There's also some humor in the show. There's a song about yellow snow — that'll probably be the one the kids remember most," he said with a laugh.

In addition to the Saturday show, Baker will visit Beadle Elementary School and Sacred Heart School Friday, Nov. 2, to perform free assembly programs for the students.

"I'm going to do some excerpts from the songs from the main show, as well as do some interactive activities with the kids around music and movement," Baker said.

Baker, who resides with his family in Sioux Falls, has performed worldwide, including appearances at the White House Easter Egg Roll, Disney World and military bases across Europe, the Middle East and the U.S. The award-winning songwriter and producer is currently writing and recording music for Project Fit, a collaboration between Disney, Sesame Street, WebMD and Sanford Health.

Through his work with Character Counts! and the National Endowment for the Arts/South Dakota Arts Council Touring Program, he has visited more than 10,000 classrooms in the last 25 years.

"It's a Snow Day" is part of a benefit tour for the Children's Care Hospital and School, a private, non-profit organization serving nearly 2,000 individuals with special needs each year from centers in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. Services are delivered through residential, inpatient, school, outpatient and outreach programs.

"We're taking the tour to 10 cities around South Dakota, and Yankton is our first stop," Baker said.

Performances will also be held in Mitchell, Brookings, Madison, Brandon, Watertown, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Rapid City and Pierre.

"I think the tour is wonderful," said Yankton resident Dionne Hento, whose 8-year-old daughter Karley suffers from a neurodevelopmental disorder and uses outpatient services provided by the hospital. "We've always helped raise money for the Children's Care Hospital and School, and to have (Baker) in Yankton, it's great."

Hento added that Karley will be doing a "meet and greet" for the Yankton performance of "It's a Snow Day," and her family is excited for the show.

"Karley loves music. It's just her thing," she said.

Tickets for "It's a Snow Day" will be available at the door or can be requested at the Children's Care Hospital and School's website at [www.cchs.org](http://www.cchs.org) or by

calling 800-584-9294. Children's tickets are free of charge.

Baker said that while the entertainment mostly targets children 12 and under, the show can be enjoyed by the entire family, and he invites everyone in the area to attend.

"You don't even have to have kids," he said. "It's going to be a fun show for everyone."

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Children's entertainer Phil Baker opens a 10-city tour of South Dakota with his new production, "It's a Snow Day," in Yankton on Saturday Nov. 3, with a show at Marian Auditorium on the campus of Mount Marty College. The "It's a Snow Day" tour is a benefit for the Children's Care Hospital and School, a private, non-profit organization serving nearly 2,000 individuals with special needs each year from centers in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. The Nov. 3 show is set for 10:30 a.m. (Courtesy photo)

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