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Something For The Kids!



Penny & Pals To Offer Performance, Workshop In Yankton Saturday

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Yankton area children will have the chance to wiggle, giggle and sing along with the award-winning Penny & Pals this Saturday 4 p.m. at the Dakota Theatre. The show is being presented by the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company, Yankton Children's Theatre Company and the Lewis and Clark Women of Today.

Behind the music is singer Penny Andrist, who said this will be a return visit to the Yankton area.

"Many years ago, we were doing a tour of South Dakota that was sponsored by Parks and Recreation," Andrist said. "And Yankton was one of our stops."

A Penny & Pals show includes music ranging from classic children's tunes such as "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "Down By the Bay" to original songs such as "A Very Good Me" and "That Vacuum's Comin'" that are meant to be interactive for children, costumed characters and humorous stage antics.

For some shows, a workshop for kids also coincides with a Penny & Pals visit. The Yankton show will include a two-hour workshop at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Andrist said she's been doing shows across the upper Midwest for more than 20 years, primarily focusing on her home area in North Dakota and performing frequently in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Andrist said this will be an exciting opportunity for Yankton area youths.

"For families with young children, this will be a great concert for them to come to on a Saturday afternoon," Andrist said. "It's a fun opportunity for people."

Lewis & Clark Theater Managing Director Shauna Marlette said bringing in Penny & Pals was a way to help the theater connect to area children.

"Penny & Pals is part of our Season Music series that we did this year," Marlette said. "It's



one of our ways to get kids into theater. We went out and looked for something kids in the community could love. We found Penny & Pals and we're excited to bring them in."

Marlette said a group of 14 kids, ranging in age from kindergartners to 8-year olds, will be in for a treat with the workshop.

"We're doing the workshop before for the (14) kids for free," she said. "For them, it'll mean they'll get training for free on the stage. They'll get instruction on how to sing, how to perform on stage and how to interact when you're performing."

The kids taking part in the workshop will be included in the show later in the day.

Marlette added that she hopes kids who just come to observe will have just as much fun.

"For the kids coming just to the show, we want them to have a good time," Marlette said.

Andrist and her musical works have also been the recipient of numerous national and international awards over the years including two Parents' Choice Awards, Parent Council selection, Parents' Guide to Children's Media Award, National Safety Council First Place Award, International Reading Association "Celebrate Literacy" Award and International Communicator Award. Within native North Dakota, they have won awards such as an "Outstanding Woman-Owned Business" award while Andrist was named "YWCA Woman of the Year" in 2010.

Seating will be general admission, so the children can gather near the stage with the adults sitting in back. Doors open to the public at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for youth under 18 and \$10 for adults, and are available at the box office.

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Penny & Pals will present a children's performance at the Dakota Theatre in downtown Yankton at 4 p.m. Saturday. There will also be a workshop for children held at 1 p.m. "For families with young children, this will be a great concert for them to come to on a Saturday afternoon," said Penny Andrist of the group. "It's a fun opportunity for people." (Courtesy photos)

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HOME - NFAA COMPLEX
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