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JM FAMILY ENTERPRISES SMART STAGE MATINEES MAKE LEARNING FUN THIS NOVEMBER

FORT LAUDERDALE – Students can enjoy the thrills of invention, exploration, storytelling and friendship in four captivating JM Family Enterprises Smart Stage Matinees offered at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Parker Playhouse this November.

The Wright Brothers - Those Daring Young Men & Their Flying Machine is a musical that will send students' imagination soaring **Monday, November 5 at 10 a.m.** Two brothers, Orville and Wilbur Wright, decide that it is their destiny to make their dream real and begin in earnest to build a machine that can fly. After some success, but a lot more failure, they toss a coin to decide who will be the first human to experience sustained, powered flight. Students are a witness to the historic flight in this performance which is recommended for grades 3–6.

Charlotte's Web, based on E. B. White's heartwarming children's book, will delight students **Wednesday, November 7 at 10 a.m.** A pig named Wilbur has a major problem, so he turns to a little barn spider and true friend named Charlotte, who assures him that she will save him. This treasured tale, recommend for grades 3–5, features mad-cap and endearing farm animals as it explores bravery, selfless love and the true meaning of friendship.

Adapted from the classic novel by Daniel Defoe, ***Robinson Crusoe & Friday*** is an imaginative retelling emphasizing communication and embracing cultural differences and empathy on **Tuesday, November 13 at 10 a.m.** An English sailor shipwrecked on a remote island works against all odds to survive alone for 25 years until one day when he rescues a stranger and the two develop a remarkable friendship. This adventure full of comedic miscommunication, history and heart is recommended for grades 3–6.

Charlotte Blake Alston: Stories and Songs in the Oral Tradition on **Wednesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.** features Alston as she selects from her wide repertoire of stories and songs from the African and African American oral traditions. For hundreds of years throughout the African continent, people gathered and told stories that were the way beliefs, mythology, cultural identity, history and shared community values were taught. The tradition continued when Africans were brought to America. The show in which children are encouraged to clap, sing and help tell stories is recommended for grades 3–6.

All shows are in the Amaturio Theater at the Broward Center except for *Charlotte's Web* which is performed at Parker Playhouse.

JM Family Enterprises Smart Stage Matinees offer literature-based shows that promote reading skills and S.T.E.A.M. (Science Technology Engineering Arts Math) to make challenging concepts accessible to younger learners.

All dates, times, programs, artists and ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

Tickets to each production are \$7.20 and \$3 lap seats for infants 12 months and under. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954.462.0222 or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets.

Groups of 10 may also purchase Smart Stage Plus workshops for performances at the Broward Center. Held at 11:20 a.m., these 40-minute workshops connect direct experience with learning building on the themes and educational content from the performance students have just attended. Workshop tickets are an additional \$5 per student and are available through group sales at 954.660.6307.

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The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. The Parker Playhouse, located in Holiday Park at 707 N.E. Eighth Street in Fort Lauderdale, is an affiliated venue of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which provides programming and management of the facility.

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For more information visit ParkerPlayhouse.com, like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/TheParkerPlayhouse](https://www.facebook.com/TheParkerPlayhouse) and join the conversation on Twitter with #ParkerPlayhouse.

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About The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

One of America's premier performing arts venues, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, showcasing a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events. Guest experiences at the Broward Center include the all-inclusive JetBlue Flight Deck on the Club Level, special events in the Huizenga Pavilion, waterfront dining at Marti's New River Bistro and innovative classes and workshops for all ages at the Rose Miniaci Arts Education Center. With one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, the Broward Center serves more than 130,000 students annually. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit BrowardCenter.org.

The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

About Parker Playhouse

The neo-classical Playhouse Parker is one of Fort Lauderdale's first venues. Built by Dr. Louis Parker, the playhouse opened its doors on February 6, 1967 and is managed now by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. This 1,168-seat, fully equipped

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theater plays an important role in the community by fueling economic development, while also bringing the community together with performances, activities and educational programming.

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