10th Annual Performance Showcase

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Lake Morey Resort
1 Clubhouse Road, Fairlee, VT

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Bryson Lang has entertained from Asia to Iceland with his unique, family-oriented Comedy - Juggling act: Hotel-Casino Shows in Tahoe, Laughlin, Atlantic City, Tokyo, and Beijing; In Television twice on the,"Masters of Illusion" series; Films including, "Austin Powers II"; Corporate Events for Budweiser and Coke; Cruise Ships around the world. For a dazzling display of comedy, dexterity, personality and a touch of the bizarre, Bryson Lang is:

The Cure For The Common Show!!

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Welcome to the 10th Annual Vermont Recreation & Parks Association Performance Showcase

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[www.vrpa.org](http://www.vrpa.org)
HELPFUL TIPS

Rain Dates & Guarantees
If you are using an outdoor space, ask the artist about rain dates and guaranteed fees. During the summer months many artists work almost everyday and will not give up a possible booking to hold a rain date. Some artists will guarantee a mutually agreeable date in the future. Still others have a no cancellation clause in their contracts. Be sure to ask in advance what an artist’s policies are regarding rain dates. It is best to arrange for an alternate rain site in advance, and advertise the location in your publicity. This avoids confusion for the audience, and the need for last minute decisions.

Make the Artist Feel Welcome
You have invited a guest to perform for your agency. You can help the artist do their best by following these simple steps.

♫ Make sure someone is designated to meet the artist upon his/her arrival
♫ Make sure the performance area is clear and clean
♫ Keep the audience out of the performance area until the show starts
♫ Check with the artist prior to the show for any last minute needs the artist may have
♫ If the performer is to be paid the day of the performance please make sure a check is cut; this is their paycheck and everyone likes their check when it is expected
♫ Read the contract if one is provided and know what is expected from both parties

Taking these steps will help make the performance a more pleasurable experience for the audience, the artist, and you.

Save with Block Booking
Did you know that when you hire an artist for a 45-minute show, it could take him/her the better part of a day to fulfill that contract? An artist must pack up the show, travel both ways, set up, break down, and also pack and unpack when they arrive home. Block booking affords the artist the opportunity to do many of these nonperformance duties only once for multiple shows. By coordinating your booking schedule with neighboring towns, an artist can often discount the performance fee which saves you money and saves the artist time and energy.

Indoors or Outdoors
As a general rule, most performers would prefer to work indoors. Some will not work outdoors, so be sure to mention where the performance will take place at the time of the booking. Factors like wind, bugs, sun and noise are variables that are sometimes hard to deal with and can compromise the quality of a performance. If you are using an outdoor space, make sure you have a flat area designated for the artist. Many performers also require electricity, so be sure there is ample electricity at the performance site if necessary.

For more info, contact Betsy Terry Orselet, VRPA Executive Director, at 802-878-2077 or betsy@vrpa.org or visit our website at www.vrpa.org.
Performer/Company Name: LES JULIAN
Contact Name: Les Julian
Mailing Address: PO Box 3488, New Haven, CT 06515
Telephone Number: 802-393-5862
Email Address: les@lesjulian.com
Website Address: www.lesjulian.com
Fees: $400 - $650
Description: This multi-National Award-winning artist’s songwriting and performing can most recently be heard on the GRAMMY WINNING Compilation CD, All About Bullies...Big and Small. LJ sings songs that foster connection, participation, thought, emotion and FUN. In his family show, DREAMING ALOUD! using guitar, mandolin, percussion and background tracks he will show you why the NY Times said of one of his performances that, “LJ writes songs to make you laugh and think. His audience laughed...heads bobbed...it was like magic!”

Performer/Company Name: FIZZICAL FAIRYTALES
Contact Name: Guy Collins
Mailing Address: 221 Dump Road, Warren, VT 05674
Telephone Number: 802-279-7257
Email Address: gjcollins@gmail.com or fizzicalfairytales@gmail.com
Website Address: www.facebook.com/fizzicalfairytales
Fees: $300 - $3000
Description: A 45 minute to 1 hour long show for children and their parents/guardians. Featuring a fun-filled story told using theater, circus skills, songs, magic and puppets. Also strolling street theater mostly using puppets built onto unicycles, with an interactive show performed at appropriate intervals. “My lords, ladies, gentlemen, boys and girls! Come watch our fabulous tale. See a fire-breathing dragon. Be amazed by the magical unicorn. Gasp in wonder at the fleet footed pegasus, fantastic feats of juggling, balance, and acrobatics. And listen to songs sung by a beautiful Princess. I am Larksalot and this is Princess Penelope....the Petulant....”

Performer/Company Name: SIMON BROOKS, STORYTELLER
Contact Name: Simon Brooks
Mailing Address: 253 Barrett Road, New London, NH 03257
Telephone Number: 603-877-0033
Email Address: simon@diamondscree.com
Website Address: www.DiamondScree.com
Fees: $250 - $1000 (NEST & NH State Arts Council)
Description: Award-winning, British storyteller Simon Brooks began in 1991 and became a professional teller in 2003. Simon’s telling combines the intensity of a solo performance with the intimacy of a face-to-face conversation. His love of the work is as inherent as his love of stories. Simon performs and teaches the art and importance of storytelling, not just folk and fairy tales, but ones own stories. Simon tells and teaches at hundreds of venues including schools, colleges, libraries, businesses, museums, camps, private venues and festivals.
Performer/Company Name: STEVE, MARTY & JOEY
Contact Name: Steve Blunt
Mailing Address: 12 Burnett St., Nashua, NH 03060
Telephone Number: 603-888-3866
Email Address: steveblunt@comcast.net
Website Address: www.steveblunt.com
Fees: $750 - $1000
Description: A lively folk-rock combo that plays fun, upbeat kids’ music for the whole family! The band features award-winning singer/storyteller, Steve Blunt; best-selling author/illustrator, Marty Kelley; and multi-instrumentalist/Berklee grad, Joe Pierog. Performances suitable for schools, libraries, and other community settings--with 100% music OR including book read-alouds (with projected illustrations), based on the needs of the venue/hosting organization. Lots of humor and audience participation!

Performer/Company Name: NO STRINGS MARIONETTE COMPANY
Contact Name: Barbara Paulson
Mailing Address: 857 Sunset Hill Road, Randolph, VT 05060
Telephone Number: 877-787-4641
Email Address: nostring@together.net
Website Address: www.nostringsvt.com
Fees: $600 + (NEST & VT Arts Council)
Description: Engage your senses inside the enchanting world of marionettes. Puppeteers Dan Baginski and Barbara Paulson have toured America for fifteen years, dazzling children and adults alike. On the stage of this traveling theater each performance is a seamless blend of movement, music and masterful marionette manipulation. With the puppeteers visible, the audience sees how the puppets are animated. Each interactive show, whether it's an original tale or an adapted classic, extends the stage into the audience’s realm, creating intimate memories that will last a lifetime.

Performer/Company Name: EAT LIKE A RAINBOW
Contact Name: Jay Mankita
Mailing Address: 310 Montague Road, Amherst, MA 01002
Telephone Number: 413-627-3145
Email Address: jay@jaymankita.com
Website Address: http://eat-like-a-rainbow.com
Fees: $400 - $1200 (NEST)
Description: A musical assembly featuring Putumayo Artist & Parents’ Choice Award winner Jay Mankita’s guitar, vocals, and foot percussion. Kids will have so much fun, they might not realize that they’re learning about the health benefits of eating more fruits and veggies! Jay has been engaging and delighting children with educational concerts for over 2 decades. Supports your wellness curriculum, inspires healthy eating, makes nutrition fun, promotes exercise, and gets kids singing and even dancing along! Free album download for every family, plus coloring book, teacher’s guides, etc...
Steve, Marty & Joey

Kids’ Music for the Whole Family!

Give your Inner Grown-Up a Timeout...
and get ready for Sing-Along, Laugh-a-Lot Fun!

www.steveblunt.com
Performer/Company Name: KIM & REGGIE HARRIS  
Contact Name: Joann Murdock  
Mailing Address: c/o Artists of Note, PO Box 11, Kaneville, IL 60144  
Telephone Number: 800-525-4749  
Email Address: jmurdock@artistsofnote.com  
Website Address: www.KimAndReggie.com  
Fees: $600 - $1800 (BOCES-NY)  
Description: In “Music & The Underground Railroad,” Kim & Reggie Harris highlight one of the most fascinating chapters of American history with songs, stories, and audience involvement in an award-winning multi-media presentation. The Harris’s performances are a mini festival of diversity, combining African-American spirituals, freedom songs and originals. Long-time Affiliates of Kennedy Center's Partners in Education Program, Kim and Reggie have earned wide acclaim for their contributions to the resources and knowledge base on the Underground Railroad and the modern civil rights movement. This performance is geared toward ages 5 and older.

Performer/Company Name: BILL SHONTZ  
Contact Name: Bill Shontz  
Mailing Address: 18 Francis Avenue, Holyoke, MA 01040  
Telephone Number: 413-533-3397  
Email Address: bill@billshontz.com  
Website Address: www.billshontz.com  
Fees: $350 - $950 (NEST)  
Description: Bill Shontz performs for children/families, adults and senior citizens. He was one half of the famed duo RosenShontz. He has performed all over the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. He has appeared at the White House, Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox, with the Vermont Symphony and much more. For details go to www.billshontz.com. Environmental shows and general family shows, senior shows. He has 10 CDs and 3 videos, one of which was nominated for an Emmy. He is wonderful, professional and entertaining! Block booking discounts available.

Performer/Company Name: JOHNNY THE K  
Contact Name: John Kelleher  
Mailing Address: 5 Wyoming Ave, N. Reading, MA 01864  
Telephone Number: 978-207-0707  
Email Address: johnnythek@comcast.net  
Website Address: www.johnnythek.com  
Fees: $600 - $750  
Description: "Audiences across North America are literally tipping their hats to the inspiring and uplifting performances of Johnny the K." John Kelleher, an award winning family performer, along with his 12 string guitar and his unique collection of costumed hats, masks, and disguises, performs to rave reviews across the United States and Canada. Through his spirited and interactive style of music, this former school teacher cleverly and humorously interacts with his audiences promoting positive family values through song, movement, humor, and lots of audience participation.

**Morning Break & Visit with Artists**
Performer/Company Name: MAGIC OF THE STEELGRAVES
Contact Name: Markus Steelgrave
Mailing Address: 399 Roberts Ridge Road, E. Waterboro, ME 04030
Telephone Number: 207-247-2361
Email Address: Amazed@SteelgraveMagic.com
Website Address: www.SteelgraveMagic.com
Fees: $395 - $1495 plus travel

Description: The Steelgraves give hundreds of performances yearly, from fully-staged illusion shows to intimate private gatherings. Shows are self-contained (they bring everything!) and run 30-90 minutes, featuring live animals, music, clean comedy, audience participation, and stunning magical illusions. Each performance is appropriately tailored to suit the audience and venue. Regularly featured at resorts, they also perform for schools, libraries, theatres, civic groups, recreation depts., and company banquets. The Steelgraves have won several awards for their dynamic acts. They’ll “Bring The Magic To You!”
Performer/Company Name: MICHAEL ZERPHY
Contact Name: Michael Zerphy
Mailing Address: PO Box 367, Hartland, VT 05048
Telephone Number: 802-436-1789
Email Address: mzerphy@hotmail.com
Fees: $400 - $750 (NEST, VT & NH Arts Councils)
Description: Michael Zerphy’s shows Zany Acts and Foolz Journey are great for all ages and especially fun for family audiences. Clowning, physical comedy, juggling, stories and audience participation create an engaging performance that encourages learning from mistakes, bravery in spite of the odds, and playful determination. Michael is available for workshops and loves to help students write original material. He has performed across the US appearing at The Brooklyn Academy of Music, The New York Clown Festival and scores of libraries, schools, theaters and community events.

Performer/Company Name: JULIE & BROWNIE
Contact Name: Brownie Macintosh
Mailing Address: 39 Exeter Road, Hampton, NH 03842
Telephone Number: 603-601-2923
Website Address: www.juliebrownie.com
Fees: $400 - $800
Description: Julie & Brownie currently offer five different shows from concerts to children’s theater. All of their music is original, upbeat and positive in nature. Instrumentation includes guitars, banjo, mandolin, concertina, and voice. Shows include: (1) Their Streamlined Double Decker Bus Children’s Concert; (2) A Pirate’s Life For Me (in full pirate costumes); (3) The Mysterious Gypsy’s Quest (in full costumes); (4) Our Diversity Show; and (5) Our “Healthy Choices” Show.

Performer/Company Name: MAGICIAN TOM JOYCE
Contact Name: Tom Joyce
Mailing Address: 211 Corn Hill Road, Pittsford, VT 05763
Telephone Number: 802-483-2294
Email Address: TomJoycemagic@mac.com
Website Address: www.TomJoyceMagic.com
Fees: $100 - $450
Description: Tom is the former magician at the world famous, “F.A.O. Schwartz Toy Store” in N.Y.C. He creates a brand new hour long comedy magic show every year, so there are always new tricks up his sleeve! His comedy magic show has a lot of audience participation, hilarious puppets and amazing feats. He performed his first magic show at the age of 8 and has been “The Funny Magic Guy” ever since.
Performer/Company Name: THE ROPE WARRIOR, INC.
Contact Name: David Fisher
Mailing Address: 2724 Valor Drive, Glenview, IL 60026
Telephone Number: 847-998-0102
Email Address: www.ropewarrior@netzero.net
Website Address: www.rocknropewarrior.com
Fees: $400 - $650
Description: Guinness World Record Holder David Fisher, aka THE ROPE WARRIOR has jumped his way into the hearts of millions of fans throughout the world. Career highlights include: over 100 national television appearances, performances for Boris Yeltsin in Russia, and for Presidents Clinton and Bush at their inaugurations. THE ROPE WARRIOR'S performances are very interactive and visually entertaining. David is available for shows and/or workshops. In addition to his rope jumping, David is an accomplished author and singer/songwriter.

Performer/Company Name: WUNDERLE’S BIG TOP ADVENTURES
Contact Name: Troy Wunderle
Mailing Address: 1776 Brockways Mills Road, Chester, VT 05143
Telephone Number: 802-463-0029
Email Address: troy@bigtopadventures.com
Website Address: www.bigtopadventures.com
Fees: $500 - $5000 (VT Arts Council, Matchbox/NEFA)
Description: Wunderle’s Big Top Adventures promotes world-class circus programming, entertainment and exploration for all ages. Founded by Troy Wunderle, its primary programs include: Circus Shows, Big Top Workshops, Circus Camps, School Residencies, Bubble Shows, Strolling Entertainment and Circus Extravaganzas. Through the rich and time-treasured delights of the circus, WBTA aims to spread joy, create memories and inspire dreams. Our programs are fun, entertaining and flexible. Let us create a program that is right for you! To find out more about WBTA visit our website.

Performer/Company Name: KEITH MUNSLOW
Contact Name: Lauri Chmielewski (Tree Top Artists)
Mailing Address: PO Box 40173, Providence, RI 02940
Telephone Number: 781-400-5310
Email Address: lauri@treetopartists.com
Website Address: www.keithmunslow.com
Fees: $500 - $750 (NEFA)
Description: STORIES & SONGS, CARTOONS & COMEDY - Keith’s highly interactive show will delight everyone with a unique mix of funny, original songs and stories, tongue twisting poems, oddball characters and on-the-spot cartoon drawings. Keith’s rhythmic piano, skilful drawing and quick wit combine for an upbeat, positive experience with lots of audience participation. It’s a fast-paced ride, so hang on and don’t blink– you might miss something!
Performer/Company Name: **CHRIS YERLIG**
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Email Address: chris@mimealot.com
Website Address: www.mimealot.com
Fees: $375 - $800
Description: Mime and Magic Illusion Show: Silent comedy surprises with lots of audience participation for 45 minutes. Strolling French Mime: An interactive and playful white-faced character to circulate at events 1 - 3 hours. “Real or Robot?”: Is he real? This mechanical man on a pedestal leaves many guessing. Available for any event for 1 - 3 hours.

Performer/Company Name: **ANDREW SALGADO**
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Email Address: ropewarrior@netzero.net
Website Address: www.andrewsalgado.net
Fees: $400 - $650
Description: Andrew Salgado is a fresh, young singer/songwriter who has been featured on television and radio stations in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles. He has twice been selected as “Artist to Watch” by SCOPE MAGAZINE, and recently opened for Eli Young Band and American Idol Stars Bo Bice and Casey Abrams. Andrew really knows how to make a show unique and memorable for each audience. He can be booked as a solo artist, duo, trio or full band.

Performer/Company Name: **JESSICA PROUTY BAND**
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Website Address: www.JessicaProuty.com
Fees: $600 - $1000 (NEST)
Description: Nationally-recognized, female-fronted family-friendly rock band, play all over New England, some members at Berklee College of Music. Summer concert series, camp programs, fairs and festivals are our specialty. Original songs played on the radio throughout NE. Can create online videos promoting your event or upload a finished musical product for a camp program.

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**Lunch Break & Visit with Artists**

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Performer/Company Name: KENNY BROTHERS BAND  
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Telephone Number: 603-205-5295  
Email Address: wkenny1@gmail.com  
Website Address: www.kennybrothersband.com  
Fees: $600 - $800  
Description: The Kenny Brothers Band consists of three brothers and a friend. Billy, the oldest, plays guitar, Taylor, the middle brother is on drums, “little” Joe is on upright bass and Dominic plays keys. The band is a Folk, Jam/Rock band and incorporates Grateful Dead, Little Feat and Allman Brothers with their own groove. Their music has a genuine flow and ease, making it fascinating to feel and listen to.

Performer/Company Name: GREEN MOUNTAIN CHORUS  
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Telephone Number: 802-505-9595  
Email Address: GreenMountainChorus@gmail.com  
Website Address: www.GreenMountainChorus.org  
Fees: $600 - $800  
Description: The Green Mountain Chorus sings a variety of popular, well known songs including songs from the 50’s through the 70's (Blue Moon, Trickle Trickle, Hello Mary Lou, You're Sixteen You're Beautiful and You're Mine) as well as songs of inspiration, patriotic songs and show tunes. The impact of 20 to 35 men harmonizing tight Barbershop chords is a hallmark of GMC's performances. Break-out Quartets demonstrate the traditional four person Barbershop style, often adding comedy routines to the show.

Performer/Company Name: FULL CIRCLE  
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Website Address: www.fullcircлерecorders.com  
Fees: $150 - $500  
Description: The five women of Full Circle present Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Celtic, and world folk music, playing recorders, hammered dulcimer, Celtic harp, guitar, percussion, and voice. As experienced educators, we enjoy sharing stories about our music and our instruments with audiences of all ages. Recent programs have toured the world through folk music; presented traditional Irish music; and celebrated the solstice, Christmas and Hanukah. We can also develop programs for specific occasions and purposes.
Performer/Company Name:  VICKI ETHIER (COMIC TUNES LADY)
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Fees:  $450 - $650
Description:  Vicki is not only "Vic" of "Vic and Sticks", but she is also a singer/songwriter who performs comedy songs. Armed with her trusty ukulele and "songs from her perspective" Vicki performs original songs with a punch-line for an adult audience with her "Comic Songs Show". Vic and Sticks is husband and wife team Vicki and Rick Ethier. They perform an interactive family/children's music show, (as well as strolling Noodle Daisy balloon twisting), for fairs, festivals, schools, libraries and community events. They also perform a "trip down musical memory lane!" with their Songs for Seniors Show.

Performer/Company Name:  JIM GALLANT
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Website Address:  www.jimgallant.com
Fees:  $300 - $875
Description:  Jim's songs have been featured in films and TV. He has appeared in concerts with Livingston Taylor, Doc Watson, Taj Mahal and Dave Von Ronk. Cyrus Rhodes of The Muse's Music says of his latest CD "Old Hat with a New Coat", "the songwriting & vocal presence from Jim Gallant is world-class". His shows hi-light masterful guitar work and expressive vocals with songs that will leave you smiling and dancing at the same time. He is available for guitar and songwriting workshops for all ages.

Performer/Company Name:  BRYSON LANG
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Website Address:  www.brysonlang.com
Fees:  $400 - $1500
Description:  Bryson Lang has entertained from Asia to Iceland with his unique Comedy - Juggling act; Hotel-Casino Shows in Tahoe, Laughlin, Atlantic City, Tokyo, and Beijing; in Television twice on the, "Masters of Illusion" series; Films including, "Austin Powers II"; Corporate Events for Budweiser and Coke, Cruise Ships around the world. For a dazzling display of comedy, dexterity, personality and a touch of the bizarre, Bryson Lang is “The Cure For The Common Show!!
Performer/Company Name: ELI ELKUS
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Website Address: www.elielkus.com or www.cuzinrichard.com
Fees: $250 - $375
Description: As a singer-songwriter, Eli Elkus has transcended his beginnings busking in the streets of Portsmouth, NH to bring his original stylings reminiscent of folk and americana to the masses. With a prominently smooth voice that sporadically cracks with emotion and a whimsical stage presence that will not go unfelt, Eli will silence a room with a somber sonnet and then quickly breathe life into it once again; foot-stomping his way through tales eager to be told. Gifted in lyricism, Eli sings (and sometimes talks) you through his meditations on karma, reflections on materialism, twisted tales of love, faithful accounts of his dreams, observations of the world around him, & other narratives of life; some more abstract.

Performer/Company Name: JOURNEY’S END PROGRAM SERIES
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Fees: $275 - $500 (VT Humanities & VT Arts Councils)
Description: A spoken word and dance presentation from a Vermont Cultural and Living History Program. Life story of native Vermonter Jessie Daisy Turner and her family (1845-1988). Daisy, born in Grafton VT, lived to the age of 104. The performances depict three historical era's with selected poems from Naima’s books of poetry titled "Select Spirits." Providing a view into the American cultural lens of family, nations of origin, language, race consciousness, rural existence invisible made visible by a diversity of historical realities. The response hoped for is that a tear or two will fall down your right, then left cheek and inspire you to contribute to the eradication of human suffering.
ADDITIONAL EXHIBITORS

Performer/Company Name: ANDREW PINARD/ABSOLUTELY MAGIC
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Fees: $450 - $2500 (NEST)
Description: Andrew Pinard presents *Alejandro’s Olde Tyme Magik Showe*—a wonder-filled one-man stand-up show with an emphasis on audience participation, visual magic, and physical comedy. Blending magic, story-telling and comedy with help from volunteer assistants, Pinard draws spectators into his zany world; along the journey he shares his fascination of the unusual and unique in ways that are guaranteed to amuse the whole family. Different performance options are available, from small-group private events to a full two-act theater show. Block booking and early booking discounts available.

Performer/Company Name: ARTS ARE ESSENTIAL, INC.
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Website Address: www.arts-are-essential.org
Fees: $400 - $1500 (NEST, MA Cultural Council)
Description: Arts are Essential, Inc. presents professional caliber artist-educators offering high energy, participatory performances and hands-on workshops and residencies in music, dance, movement and language arts for audiences of all ages and abilities. We also perform family concerts year round at parks, libraries, museums, camps and schools throughout New England. Our artists are seasoned professionals with many years of performance experience working in a variety of arts in education and community settings and have performed internationally.

Performer/Company Name: BUDDY THE CLOWN
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Website Address: www.buddytheclown.com
Fees: $200 - $800
Description: Buddy the Clown offers professional, family-friendly entertainment for any kind of event. Buddy’s exciting magic shows boast full audience participation and never cease to wow the audience. Walk-around entertainment showcases his 250+ balloon repertoire that attracts both young and old. New to Buddy’s walk-around routine is his award-winning, one-of-a-kind clown bubble car. As the goofy clown motors around, adults stop to watch him drive by and children race to chase hundreds of flying bubbles! Check him out at www.buddytheclown.com.
ADDITIONAL EXHIBITORS

**Performer/Company Name:** DANA PERKINS, VENTRILOQUIST AND MAGICIAN  
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**Email Address:** info@danapuppets.com  
**Website Address:** www.danapuppets.com  
**Fees:** $200 - $500  
**Description:** Dana brings two footlockers of magic tricks, visual gags and three of his ventriloquist puppets, including his giant bird puppet ‘Pee Wee’ (almost 6’ tall)! This show is an excellent choice for floor, platform or stage, indoors or out! Show is at least 45 minutes long. Great for fairs, festivals, banquets, Christmas parties, malls, recreation programs, assisted living facilities, campgrounds and more! Special programs are also available for schools libraries and Christian organizations. Always good clean family fun!

**Performer/Company Name:** ED THE WIZARD  
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**Fees:** $450 - $750  
**Description:** Reading is Magic is a 45 minute interactive hands-on magic performance with emphasis placed on the importance of building and maintaining reading skills. Many volunteers are used throughout the performance and each routine has an understanding level appropriate for the age of the volunteer(s) at that time. My best qualification? I was inspired by the character "Dumbledore" from the series "Harry Potter" and I have taught myself how to become a wizard by reading and studying the art of magic through library books.

**Performer/Company Name:** LUCKY BOB  
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**Email Address:** lucky_bob@mac.com  
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**Fees:** $500 - $1000  
**Description:** Lucky Bob provides an interactive comedy, magic and juggling show for all ages. This show can be played indoors or outside. Lucky Bob has performed in Japan, Canada, Singapore as well as 50 states in the US from schools to camps to parks and rec depts, Lucky Bob does it all!
ADDITIONAL EXHIBITORS

Performer/Company Name: RICK STROMOSKI CARTOONIST
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Fees: $300 - $600
Description: Rick is a nationally syndicated award winning newspaper cartoonist and illustrator whose popular comic strip ‘Soup to Nutz” appears in over 150 newspapers across the country. He offers a program on the subject of his strip and cartooning and humor writing in general. It involves a laugh filled powerpoint presentation and lecture showing samples of his award winning magazine, comic strip and children’s books work that’s appropriate for all ages. He also has a “How to Draw Cartoons” program for children ages 6 to 12.

Performer/Company Name: ROCKIN’ RON THE FRIENDLY PIRATE
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Fees: $100 - $500
Description: He performs entertaining AND educational Pirate Music for kids and kids at heart. He sings to his own guitar accompaniment and to backing tracks from his stylistically diverse albums Pirate PaRRRty! and “Give Me an RRR!”, with jolly jigs and jokes to boot. His main port o’ call is Smugglers’ Notch Resort and he has performed throughout Northeastern North America at schools, libraries, special events and festivals. Seven Days compared his approach to that of Toy Story and Shrek.

Performer/Company Name: VERMONT ARTS COUNCIL
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Description: The Vermont Arts Council fosters classical, traditional, and emerging forms of artistic expression. It finds enduring ways to make the arts a part of all Vermont communities and advocates for and supports the arts as a central part of education for all people. The Council functions as a community partner and a catalyst for artists and organizations. They are a grass-roots organization with statewide trustees elected from and by their membership. They strive to unite both public and private resources to serve the following mission: To advance and preserve the arts at the center of Vermont communities.
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Fees: $375 - $800 (NEFA, BOCES-NY, Lifetime Arts)
Description: Is your summer camp calling for a musical hoot that is hands-on for each and every kid and the staff? Are your family events calling for a high-octane show that is hands-on for 200 people? Is your library, museum, or senior center calling for a melodic shindig that is hands-on for the entire audience? Are your teenagers calling for a performance that rocks ALL of them hands-on? If your answer is “Yes” to any of these catchy programs, CALL DRUMMING ABOUT YOU!

Performer/Company Name: ROOT 7
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Website Address: www.rt-7.com
Fees: $100 - $600+
Description: Root7 is one of the Burlington area's hottest contemporary acappella groups, covering such artists as the Beatles, Adele, Paul Simon, Lady Gaga, Phil Collins and more. Root7 lends itself to a variety of performance venues, including farmers markets, family festivals, night clubs and coffee shops as well as private parties and holiday celebrations. Depending on the venue, they can perform with or without amplification, and will work with you to accommodate your event needs. Make Root7 part of your entertainment this year!

Performer/Company Name: STEVE BLUNT SINGER/STORYTELLER
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Fees: $300 - $500
Description: Sing-along, laugh-a-lot musical fun for the whole family! Steve’s performances feature award-winning songs & stories that warm the heart, tickle the funny bone, and delight the imagination--with lots of audience participation. SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL writes that “…Blunt never wavers from his kid's-eye view of the world.” His highly engaging shows appeal to a wide age-range and bring out the child in everyone!
ADDITIONAL ARTISTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Performer/Company Name: CELIA SLATTERY
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Fees: $500 - $1000 (NEST)
Description: First Ladies of Jazz and Pop. In this one-woman musical show, Celia Slattery performs songs by Billie Holiday, Patsy Cline, Carole King, and others. She weaves the music together with a compelling narrative, exploring how these figures were affected by the issues of their times, and how they in turn brought about change through their enduring music.

Performer/Company Name: VA-ET-VIENT
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Description: Va-et-Vient combines vocal harmonies with guitars, accordions, flute, and minor percussion to present the music of Quebec, France, and Louisiana, dating from the Middle Ages to modern times. The primary objective of the group is to keep Franco-American musical traditions alive and integrated with our region’s culture. Va-et-Vient is continuously expanding its repertoire through study and discovery of resources, ranging from archived recordings to singing sessions at homes of some of Quebec's most respected keepers of the songs.

Performer/Company Name: WOMENSING
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Fees: $200 - $500
Description: Womensing is a six-member acappella group based in Addison County performing music from a variety of world folk traditions. Its members have lived and travelled the world and bring music from their own heritage as well as from a variety of cultures including Balkan, Arabic, Chinese, French-Canadian, African, as well as African American spirituals and other music indigenous to the Americas. Their focus is on music as an international language that perpetuates understanding, good will and peace. In collecting and performing this music from around the world, Womensing recognizes the uniqueness of each culture and celebrates the commonalities that exist among all people.
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If any of you attending or working this event know of entertainers that would benefit by being a participant at our showcase, please pass our contact information to them. We want this showcase to be fresh and exciting and to be able to sustain itself year after year. In order to accomplish this we need two things. First, we need quality entertainers. We are always looking for new acts. Secondly, we would like to fill every seat in the house so if you know of someone who books entertainment and you did not see them at the showcase, please spread the word about this event, share this booklet with them, and invite them to attend with you next year.

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