

McCarter THEATRE CENTER

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McCARTER ANNOUNCES EXPANDED RELAXED PERFORMANCES SCHEDULE FOR 2018–2019



Princeton, NJ: McCarter Theatre Center is pleased to announce an expanded schedule of relaxed performances for the upcoming 2018–2019 season. Events will include programming for all ages and sensory levels including a performance of *Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol* on Friday, December 28, 2018 and an adapted concert by indie-rock superstar *Laurie Berkner* on Saturday, March 2, 2019. This increase in the variety and frequency of relaxed performances highlights McCarter's ongoing mission to provide significant artistic accessibility for all in the community.

Information regarding sensory friendly performances

Relaxed performances provide a welcoming and judgement-free environment for individuals with autism, learning differences, or other sensory and communication needs so that they and their families may enjoy live performance together. McCarter has presented six relaxed performances in the past, including productions of *Into the Woods*, *White Snake*, Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*, the *Muppet Sing-A-Long Movie*, *Laurie Berkner*, and *Dan Zanes' Night Train 57*.

In addition to the sensory-friendly nature of the performance, professional staff will be on hand to assist parents and caregivers, a family restroom will be available, and there will be designated activity and relaxation areas in the lobby.

McCarter Theatre Center is a participant in the Audience (R)Evolution Cohort Grants program, funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and administered by Theatre Communications Group, the national organization for the professional not-for-profit American theatre.

TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket on-sale dates, performance dates and times for McCarter's 2018-2019 relaxed performances will be announced at a later date. In the meantime, interested organizations, group leaders, and individuals may call (609) 258-2787 or visit the McCarter Ticket Office in person for more information. McCarter Theatre Center is located at 91 University Place, Princeton.

ACCESSIBILITY

Winner of the 2012 Sustainer Award by the New Jersey Cultural Access Network, McCarter continually strives to provide an inclusive environment for all attendees at every performance. For more information on McCarter's accessibility programs, please visit mccarter.org.

ABOUT McCARTER THEATRE CENTER

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Emily Mann and Managing Director Michael S. Rosenberg, McCarter Theatre Center is recognized as one of the nation's premier theater companies. Renowned for major contributions to the theatrical canon, McCarter premieres include such works as Christopher Durang's *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* (winner of the 2013 Tony Award® for Best Play) and McCarter was honored in 1994 with the Regional Theatre Tony Award®.

Thanks to the efforts of Special Programming Director William W. Lockwood, McCarter Theatre Center is also a premier presenter of artists renowned around the world and across genres as varied as dance, classical, pop, jazz, comedy, magic, family programming, and much more.

McCarter is supported by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Princeton University, and over 2,000 individuals, corporations, community leaders, and foundations.

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