

UNH Announces the Little Red Wagon Summer Tour 2000

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The University of New Hampshire Department of Theatre and Dance and Theatre Resources for Youth (TRY) announce this year's annual summer tour of The Little Red Wagon, a traveling troupe for families and children.

Shows are performed June 17-August 13 and September 1-4 throughout New England at schools, libraries, town festivals and fairs, children's hospitals, recreation centers, state parks, camps and churches (see detailed schedule below).

The Little Red Wagon presents two new shows this year -- the Little Red Wagon Show and Don't Count Your Chickens Until They Cry Wolf.

The traditional Little Red Wagon Show takes on a canine and feline theme. This 45-minute play is appropriate for preschool through fourth grade audiences, and incorporates all aspects of children's theater: the Wagon Rap, a Puppet Show, a Story Theatre, the Name Game, and ends with Involvement Theatre.

Don't Count Your Chickens Until They Cry Wolf is a humorous, action-packed play which introduces audiences to the joys of theater. Appropriate for grades 1-6, this lighthearted musical includes audience participation, as the actors and puppets present favorites from Aesop's fables. Audiences will leave smiling, while gaining new perceptions of life's morals.

TRY is a non-profit educational outreach division of the UNH Department of Theatre and Dance. It was established through a 1966 federal grant, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Commission on the Arts, to provide performances and workshops in children's theater throughout the state.

The Little Red Wagon, TRY's most popular program, has presented more than 6,000 shows to more than 2 million people. Entertaining audiences since 1971, it is the longest running nonprofit children's performing arts program in the U.S. The Little Red Wagon has become a grassroots model program for New Hampshire, and

was instrumental to the bringing theater education into the public schools.

To schedule The Little Red Wagon or for more information, call 603-862-2150 or email kstaten@cisunix.unh.edu.

Summer 2000 Schedule

June 23 -- Kids Inn, Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack 10 a.m. Info: 424-6000

June 24 -- Barrington Public Library, 228 Rt. 9 Barrington, 6 p.m. Info: 664-9715

July 17 -- Noble Pines Park, Noble St. and Ground St., Somersworth, 10 a.m. Info: 692-5621

July 17 -- Rochester Public Library, 65 South Main St., 2 p.m. Info: 332-1428

July 25 -- Henry Law Park, Henry Law Park Ave, Dover, 10:30 a.m. Info: 742-2218

July 26 -- Town Hall, 169 Main St. Kingston, 10:30 a.m. Info: 642-3521

Aug. 2 -- Noble Pines Park, Noble St. and Grand St., Somersworth, 10 a.m. Info: 692-5621

Aug. 3 -- Wyndam Town Beach, Cobbetts Pond Rd, Wyndam, 10 a.m., Info: 868-2362

Aug. 4 -- York Public Library, 172 York St. York, 10:30 a.m., Info: 201-363-2818

Aug. 5-6 -- New Hampshire State Fairgrounds, Kearsarge Ave., Hopkington, 1 p.m., Info: 569-0000

Aug. 7 -- Leach Library, 276 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, 3 p.m., Info: 432-1127

Aug. 9 -- Farmington Recreation and Park Center, Fernell Park, Central St., Farmington, 6:30 p.m., Info: 755-2405

Aug. 10 -- Exeter Public Library, 1 Founders Park, Exeter, 1 p.m., Info: 772-6036

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