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2014 Stages, Sights & Sounds Schedule

Family Performances



[The Adventures of Alvin Sputnik: Deep Sea Explorer](#) | By Tim Watts

The Last Great Hunt | Australia
 Saturday, May 10 | 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.
 Storefront Theater | 60 min | Ages 12+

Blending puppetry, animation, and music, *Alvin Sputnik* tells the tale of love, loss, and heroism as a survivor of extreme climate change must use his wits to save the planet. *This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.*



[Animales](#) | El Retablo | Spain

Saturday, May 10 | 10 a.m.
 Sunday, May 11 | 10 a.m.
 Chicago Cultural Center Dance Studio | 60 minutes | Ages 3+

Animales stokes the imagination. Master puppeteer **Pablo Vergne** transforms everyday objects—knit gloves, hats, a ruler—into animals and magical beings.



[Fairy Tales](#) | Nori Sawa | Japan/Czech Republic

Saturday, May 17 | 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.
 Sunday, May 18 | 11 a.m.
 Storefront Theater | 60 min | Ages 5+

A master physical comedian and puppeteer, **Nori Sawa** presents beautiful, sometimes twisted versions of traditional tales, as well as enchanting stories of his own.



[Fluff](#) | Cre8ion | Australia

Saturday, May 17 | 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.
 Sunday, May 18 | 3 p.m.

Victory Gardens Biograph Theater, Začek McVay Theater | 60 min | Ages 5+

Welcome to the mod, mad world of the Ginghams, a traveling trio who rescue long-lost misfit toys with a mix of sound, story, video, and even a vacuum.



[Kaguya: The Bamboo Princess and Other Stories](#) | Nori Sawa

Japan/Czech Republic | U.S. Premiere
 Saturday, May 24 | 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Victory Gardens Biograph Theater, Začek McVay Theater | 60 min | Ages 10+

Nori Sawa uses puppets, masks, music, and physical theater to tell his unique version of a legendary Japanese folktale.

Chicago Puppetolio



[Chicago Puppetolio](#)

Sunday, May 11 & 18 | 3 p.m. | Storefront Theater | 60 min | Ages 8+

Curated with **Julia Miler** (Manual Cinema; Nasty, Brutish and Short), two different programs bring together the works of **Michael Montenegro**, **Blair Thomas**, and **Cynthia Von Orthal**, who collectively have taught and influenced a generation of younger puppet artists. Joining them are **Sea Beast Puppet Co.** and **Karen Hoyer**.

Author Events



[Reading with Timothy Basil Ering](#)

Saturday, May 10 | 2 p.m. | Storefront Theater | 60 min | All Ages

Timothy Basil Ering, the illustrator of the Newbery Medal winner *The Tale of Despereaux*, is also the acclaimed author-illustrator of the popular children's books *The Story of Frog Belly Rat Bone*, *Necks Out for Adventure*, and his newest book, *The Almost Fearless Hamilton Squidlegger*. Ering reads from his work and creates original illustrations.



[Reading with Jon Scieszka](#)

**Sunday, May 18 | 11 a.m. | Victory Gardens Biograph Theater, Začek McVay Theater
60 min | All Ages**

Jon Scieszka is the bestselling author of more than 25 books for kids, including *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*, *Math Curse*, *Robot Zot!*, the *Time Warp Trio* series, and his most recent book, *Battle Bunny*. Scieszka reads from his work.

Venues

Chicago Cultural Center

77 E. Randolph St.
Chicago, IL 60602

Storefront Theater

66 E. Randolph St.
Chicago, IL 60601

Victory Gardens Biograph Theater

2433 N. Lincoln Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

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