



Journeying Through  
the Years

2013 - 2014 Season

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# Journeying Through the Years

It's hard to believe that the Eau Claire Children's Theatre will be celebrating its **25th Anniversary** this season! Where has the time gone? Seems like just a few years ago, we were having meetings with interested community members about starting a children's theatre. From humble beginnings with no office and three shows each year to rented office space to a leased building and ten shows each season to owning our current 24,000 square foot location with a new performance space and a sixteen show season. We've come a long way, baby! ECCT has become the premier presenter of theatrical productions for families and youth in western Wisconsin with **over 20 productions and events each year** that provide quality theatrical experiences for young people as both onstage performers and family audience members. That's something to celebrate and we're inviting everyone to help us kick off that celebration on Saturday, September 21, at The Oxford. Save the Date - more details later this summer!

We'll be continuing that celebration throughout the season with special events, raffles, door prizes, parties, new fundraisers and a blockbuster season of old favorites and shows new to the Chippewa Valley. From the area premieres of *Les Misérables* this October to *Shrek* next summer, we invite you to check out this expanded season brochure for information on all the shows and events coming your way, along with special photos and remembrances to kick off the Anniversary Season.

We look forward to celebrating our 25th Anniversary Season with YOU!

## Rent The Oxford

The Oxford and ECCT can provide the flexibility you need for your next event. Full day and half day rentals are available for:

- Business Meetings and Training Sessions
- Concerts
- Birthday and Anniversary Parties
- Fundraisers
- Wedding Ceremonies and Receptions

There are a number of creative ways to use the spaces at ECCT! For rates and availability, please contact us at 715-839-8877 or info@ECCT.org.



Use your smart phone to find out more information at [www.ecct.org](http://www.ecct.org)



## October The Oxford

FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm 4	11:00am 1:30pm 5	
7:30pm 11	11:00am 1:30pm 12	1:30pm 13

*Book by Elizabeth Kann & Victoria Kann; Music by John Gregor; Lyrics by John Gregor, Elizabeth Kann, & Victoria Kann; Based on the book Pinkalicious by Victoria Kann & Elizabeth Kann*

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Despite warnings from her parents, Pinkalicious can't stop eating pink cupcakes. Her indulgence lands her at the doctor's office with Pinkitis, an affliction that turns her pink from head to toe. But when her hue goes too far, only Pinkalicious can figure out a way to get out of this pink predicament.

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I remember back 25 years ago when ECCT was just an idea and a land-line phone line in the upstairs of George's and my house on Omaha Street in Eau Claire! I remember typing the original bylaws and applications for tax exempt non-profit status on a manual typewriter. My, how things have changed and grown in 25 years! New organization, new building, bigger and successful!

*Diane House*



## October State Theatre

THR	FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	1:30pm
24	25	26	27

Book by Alain Boublil & Claude-Michel Schönberg; Music by Claude-Michel Schönberg; Lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer

When Jean Valjean is released from prison, he breaks parole in hopes of starting a new life and initiates a life-long struggle for redemption as he is relentlessly pursued by police inspector Javert. Epic, grand, and uplifting, *Les Misérables* packs an emotional wallop with its powerful affirmation of the human spirit.

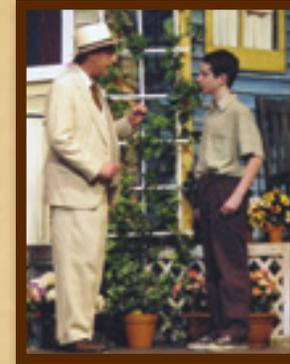
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*Scrooged*  
November 1989



*To Kill A Mockingbird*  
March 2009



## November

### The Oxford

FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm	11:00am 1:30pm	
1	2	
7:30pm	11:00am 1:30pm	1:30pm
8	9	10

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Based on the hit Nickelodeon TV program, the show begins when Curtain welcomes everyone into the wonderful world of Theatre. On stage, Steve and Blue lead the audience on a clue-filled journey through Storybook Forest and Outer Space in their quest to discover the most spectacular place of all.



## November State Theatre

THR	FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm	7:30pm	1:30pm 7:30pm	1:30pm
21	22	23	24

*Music by Alan Menken; Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice; Book Adapted & Additional Lyrics by Jim Luigs; Music Adapted & Arranged by Bryan Louiselle; Based on the 1992 Disney film Aladdin*

Welcome to Agrabah, City of Enchantment! When Aladdin accidentally discovers a magic lamp and the Genie inside it, he sees a whole new world filled with possibilities. With the Genie's help, Aladdin must battle the evil Jafar for power and possession of the lamp and win the hand of the beautiful Princess Jasmine.

## Holiday Silent Auction

A different set of auction items will be on display in the lobby during each show. Bidding closes at the end of the intermission, and the winning bidders pick up and pay for their items as they leave the theatre.

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## December The Oxford

THR	FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm	7:30pm	1:30pm 7:30pm	1:30pm
12	13	14	15

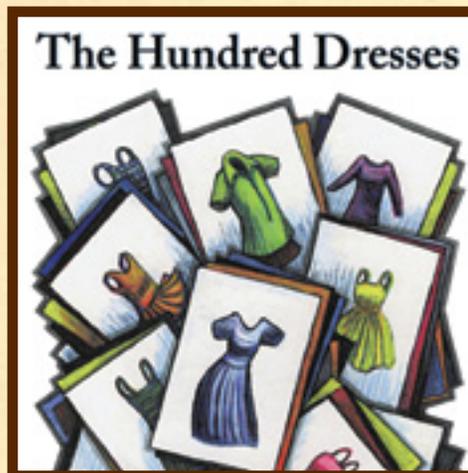
*Book, Music, & Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse*

Be a part of Chippewa Valley history! In November 1989, this musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale, *A Christmas Carol*, was the first show ever produced by ECCT. As part of our 25th anniversary season celebration, we're bringing back this holiday classic with special 1989 ticket pricing.

## January The Oxford

FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm	1:30pm	
3	4	
7:30pm	1:30pm	1:30pm
10	11	12

*Eleanor Estes, Author  
Mary Hall Surface, Playwright*



Wanda Petronski just wants friends like everyone else. But in 1930's small town America, a Polish immigrant doesn't fit in easily. When the teasing doesn't stop and the Petronskis move to get away from the town's prejudices, these characters teach us that we, like them, can make the right choices the next time.



## January / February The Oxford

FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm	10:00am 1:30pm	1:30pm
31	1	2

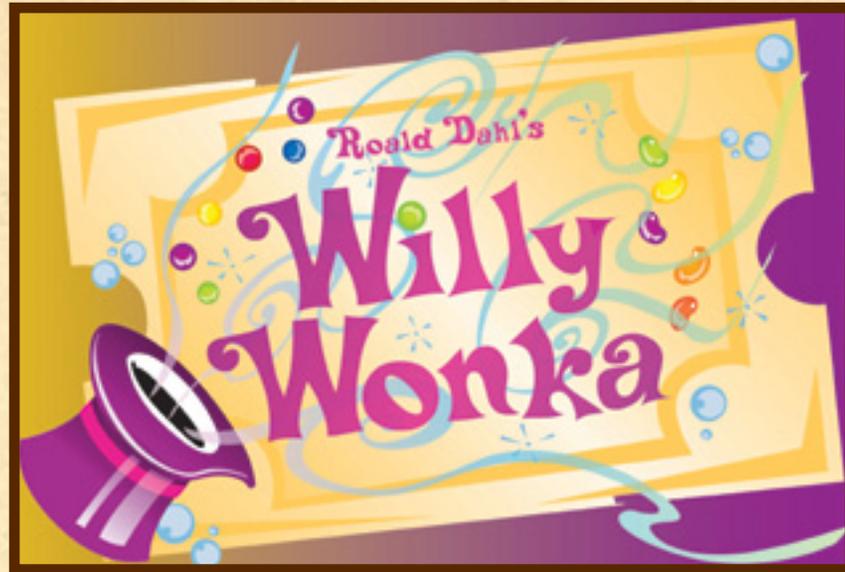
Book and Lyrics by Willie Reale; Music by Robert Reale; Based on the books by Arnold Lobel

Arnold Lobel's well-loved characters hop from the page to the stage! This musical tale follows two great friends, the cheerful, popular Frog and the rather grumpy Toad, through four fun-filled seasons. Featuring a jazzy, upbeat score, *A Year with Frog and Toad* is part vaudeville, part make-believe, and all charm.

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## February / March State Theatre

THR	FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm	7:30pm	1:30pm 7:30pm	1:30pm
27	28	1	2

Music and Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley; Adapted for the Stage by Timothy Allen McDonald & Leslie Bricusse; Based on the book *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

In this scrumdilyumptious musical, Willy Wonka stages a world-wide contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his candy bars. These five lucky winners win a free tour of the Wonka factory and a lifetime supply of candy, but they quickly learn they must follow Mr. Wonka's rules or suffer the consequences.

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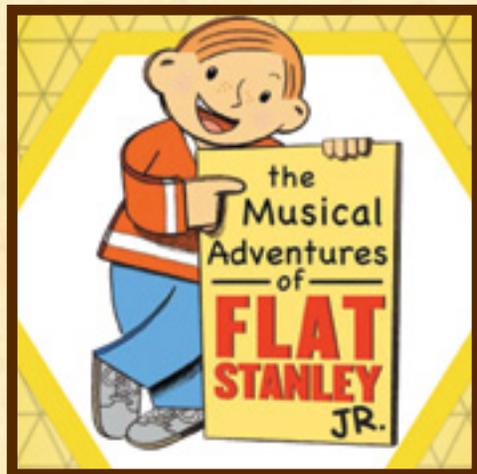
## Journeying Through the Years

There's really one word that I can use to describe ECCT for me: family. I have spent the last twelve years of my life with this organization and it has become like home.

*Sara Shellenberger*



*The Wizard of Oz  
July 2007*



## March The Oxford

FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm 7	11:00am 1:30pm 8	
7:30pm 14	11:00am 1:30pm 15	1:30pm 16

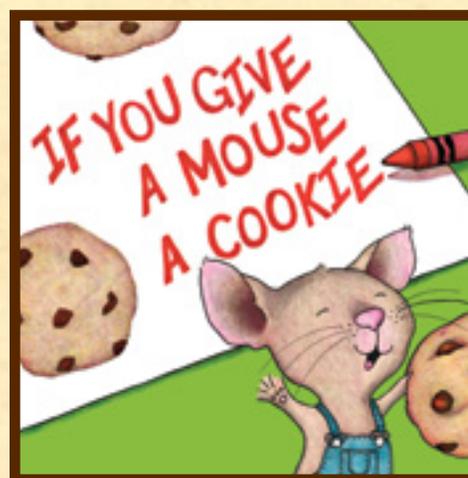
Lyrics by Timothy Allen McDonald & Jonathan K. Waller; Music by David Weinstein & Timothy Allen McDonald & Jonathan K. Waller & Stephen Gabriel; Book by Timothy Allen McDonald; Based on the book Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

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Stanley Lambchop is your ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill ten-year-old: normal mom and dad, normal little brother, normal life. That's just the problem...for Stanley, life is too normal. He wants to travel the world, do something amazing, something no one's ever seen before. Careful what you wish for, Stanley!



## April / May The Oxford

FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm 25	11:00am 1:30pm 26	1:30pm 27
7:30pm 2	11:00am 1:30pm 3	

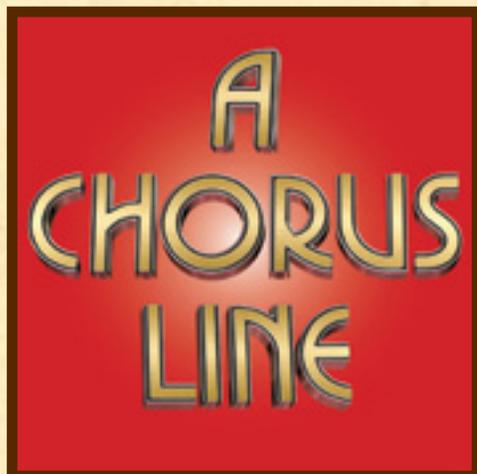
Adapted by Jody Davidson; Based on the book by Laura Numeroff; Directed by Peter C. Brosius

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It all starts innocently enough. It's a beautiful day and a boy is looking forward to reading a comic book and enjoying a cookie in the back yard. But when a mouse shows up and asks for a cookie, one thing leads to another and a whole mess of fun!

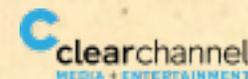


## April State Theatre

THR	FRI	SAT
7:30pm 3	7:30pm 4	7:30pm 5

Conceived & Originally Directed and Choreographed by Michael Bennett; Book by James Kirkwood & Nicholas Dante; Music by Marvin Hamlisch; Lyrics by Edward Kleban

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This winner of nine Tony Awards and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama celebrates the unsung heroes of musical theatre – the chorus dancers. In the final round of auditions for a new Broadway musical, a group of valiant, underpaid, highly trained performers share their stories as they compete for their chance in the spotlight.



## June The Oxford

THR	FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm 12	7:30pm 13	7:30pm 14	1:30pm 15

Book by Peter Stone; Music & Lyrics by Sherman Edwards; Based on a concept by Sherman Edwards

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Step into the pages of history as John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Richard Henry Lee, and Thomas Jefferson work to convince the members of the second Continental Congress to sign the Declaration of Independence. Despite all odds, these proud, uncertain, petty, noble men are determined to do the right thing for their fledgling nation.

# July

## The Oxford



THR	FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	1:30pm
10	11	12	13

Music & Lyrics by William Finn;  
Book by Rachel Sheinkin;  
Conceived by Rebecca Feldman;  
Additional Material by Jay Reiss

Six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. The writers have created the unlikeliest of heroes in this adult musical performed by adults

# Added Experiences



Think Pink with Pinkalicious  
Saturday, October 5 & 12  
10am & 12:30pm  
\$5 per person



Hop To It with Frog & Toad  
Saturday, February 1  
9am & 12:30pm  
\$5 per person

Dress in pink, eat pink cupcakes, and make a crown to match Pinkalicious! Show Pink your awesome outfit before the show!

Frog and Toad have a busy day ahead of them. Help Frog finish his letter to Toad and tend to Toad's flowers in his garden so they can join us for our party!



Blue's Spectacular Party  
Saturday, November 2 & 9  
10am & 12:30pm  
\$5 per person

Climb in your favorite thinking chair and figure out Blue's Clues to help Steve and his friends throw the most spectacular party!



Around the World with Flat Stanley  
Saturday, March 8 & 15  
10am & 12:30pm  
\$5 per person

Stanley's gone missing! Help us crack the clues Stanley left behind so we can join him for treats before the show!



Aladdin's Agrabah Adventure  
Saturday, November 23  
Noon \$5 per person

Jafar has trapped Aladdin and Abu in the Cave of Wonders! Help complete Jafar's challenges to free Aladdin and his friends so you can meet them before the show!



Cookies & Milk with Mouse  
Saturday, April 26 & May 3  
10am & 12:30pm  
\$5 per person

We gave Mouse a cookie, and now he wants to play a game! If we play a game with mouse, he'll want to make a craft. If we have crafts and games, we'll have to have a party!

# July

## State Theatre

WED	THR	FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	1:30pm 7:30pm	1:30pm
23	24	25	26	27

Music by Jeanine Tesori; Book & Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire; Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture & the book by William Steig

In a faraway kingdom, things get ugly when an unseemly ogre – not a handsome prince – shows up to rescue a feisty princess. Throw in a donkey that won't shut up and a bad guy with a SHORT temper, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero.

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Peter Pan  
November 1999



Snow White and  
the Seven Dwarfs  
February 2011

## Season Extras



Murder Mystery  
DINNER THEATRE

### January The Oxford

FRI	SAT
6:30pm 17	6:30pm 18
6:30pm 24	6:30pm 25

Bruce and Tina are getting married, and well, it's turning out to be one of those days. The judge is drunk, the cake is a mess, there's a mix-up with Tina's dress, and a stranger shows up in time to die. Toast the happy couple, and solve the mystery at this audience participation event. Price includes 3-course dinner and show.

### May The Oxford

THR	FRI	SAT	SUN
7:30pm 8	7:30pm 9	7:30pm 10	1:30pm 11

By Dan Goggin

In this hilarious musical, the Little Sisters of Hoboken are putting on a fundraiser to raise money to bury sisters accidentally poisoned by the convent cook. First produced by ECCT in 1997, the original nuns, Laura Robbins-Leisz, Diane House, Carole Spencer, Brenda Locher, and Cathy Reitz, are back for a 25th season encore performance.

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## Theatre Info

The Eau Claire Children's Theatre and The Oxford are located in downtown Eau Claire at  
**1814 Oxford Avenue**  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

**PHONE:** 715-839-8877

**E-MAIL:** info@ecct.org

**WEBSITE:** www.ecct.org

### BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10am-3pm

Box Office opens one hour before all performances.

### TICKET CATEGORIES

ECCT offers 4 ticket pricing categories:

- Youth - ages 12 and under
- Students - ages 13 to college age with a valid ID
- Adults - ages 18-59
- Seniors - ages 60+

### LAP SEATS

Fire codes require that all patrons in the theatre have a ticket. Lap seat tickets for all shows are \$4 per child for children 2 and under

### TICKET PURCHASES

Tickets can be purchased by mail, phone, online, or in person. We accept cash, check, Mastercard, and Visa. There is a \$2 handling fee for all credit card transactions by phone and online. All sales are final, and there are no refunds.

### TICKET EXCHANGES

Season ticket holders can make unlimited ticket exchanges. Exchanges will be made for other patrons only in extenuating circumstances and only for another performance of the show for which they hold tickets.

### ACCESSIBILITY

The Oxford and The State Theatre are fully handicapped accessible, and both have hearing assistance devices available.

We look forward to seeing you at the theatre this season!



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## Journeying Through the Years

I started with ECCT in 1991. It has been part of my life since then, from shows to Youth Advisory Council, executive board, and now a stage mom. It has changed me from someone who was afraid to speak in front of others to a much more outgoing person. I have met some of my dearest friends through ECCT.

Angie Southworth

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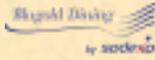
## ecct season calendar

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	13 29	Dancing with the Eau Claire Stars The Color Dash 5k
<b>OCTOBER</b>	4-5, 11-13 20 24-27 25	Pinkalicious The Musical The Biggest Loser RunWalk Les Misérables Big Band Monster Bash
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1-2, 8-10 21-24	Blue's Clues Live! The Most Spectacular Place Disney's Aladdin JR.
<b>DECEMBER</b>	7 12-15	Starquest Scrooge!
<b>JANUARY</b>	3-4, 10-12 17-18, 24-25 31	The Hundred Dresses 16th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre: Til Death Do Us Part A Year with Frog and Toad
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	1-2 7 14 27-28	A Year with Frog and Toad Kidz Kabaret Valentine's Day Masquerade Ball Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka
<b>MARCH</b>	1-2 7-8, 14-16	Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.
<b>APRIL</b>	3-5 10 25-27	A Chorus Line Purses with Purpose If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
<b>MAY</b>	2-3 3 8-11	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie Geek Prom Nunsense
<b>JUNE</b>	12-15	1776
<b>JULY</b>	10-13 23-27	The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Shrek The Musical

## Special Events

*Dancing with the Eau Claire Stars*  
September 13, 2013  
Zorn Arena

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*Two to Tango*

**Big Band Monster Bash**  
October 25, 2013  
Ramada Convention Center

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**the color dash**  
the world's brightest 5k

September 29, 2013

Carson Park

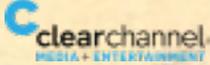
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**Starquest**

December 7, 2013

The Oxford

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**Valentine's Day Masquerade Ball**

February 14, 2014

The Plaza

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**KRISTO GYMNASIUM**  
Presents:  
**THE BIGGEST LOSER RUNWALK**

October 20, 2013

Carson Park

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**Purses with Purpose**  
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April 10, 2014

The Metropolis

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### Step One - Full Season Pass

Can't decide which shows to see? Try the Full Season Pass! Each pass is good for one admission to each of the 13 shows listed below. Save 35% off regular door prices when you choose this option!

# \_\_\_ Youth X \$68    # \_\_\_ Students X \$88    # \_\_\_ Seniors X \$114  
# \_\_\_ Adults X \$143

### Step Two - 4-Show or 6-Show Season Packages

Pick the FOUR shows you want to see this season and save 20%! Or, pick the SIX shows you want to see this season and save 30%!

\_\_\_ I'll pick my dates and times later.

Pinkalicious The Musical	Date/Time _____(A)
Les Misérables	Date/Time _____(B)
Blue's Clues Live!	Date/Time _____(A)
Disney's Aladdin JR.	Date/Time _____(B)
The Hundred Dresses	Date/Time _____(A)
A Year with Frog and Toad	Date/Time _____(B)
Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka	Date/Time _____(B)
The Musical Adv. of Flat Stanley JR.	Date/Time _____(A)
A Chorus Line	Date/Time _____(B)
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Date/Time _____(A)
1776	Date/Time _____(B)
25th Annual Putnam Cty. Spelling Bee	Date/Time _____(B)
Shrek The Musical	Date/Time _____(B)

#### 4-Show Packages:

# \_\_\_ Youth X \$25    # \_\_\_ Students X \$38    # \_\_\_ Seniors X \$52  
# \_\_\_ Adults X \$64

#### 6-Show Packages:

# \_\_\_ Youth X \$34    # \_\_\_ Students X \$45    # \_\_\_ Seniors X \$62  
# \_\_\_ Adults X \$78

### Step Three - Individual Tickets

Need some additional tickets?

All "A" shows listed above - \$8 youth/students; \$12 adults/seniors  
All "B" shows listed above - \$8 youth; \$12 students; \$16 seniors; \$20 adults

SHOW	Date/Time	#Youth	#Student	#Seniors	#Adults	TOTAL \$
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

### Step Four - Season Specials

You can order tickets to these season specials before they go on sale at the general public!

Scrooge! # \_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Students X \$8 # \_\_\_\_\_ Adults X \$10 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Til Death Do Us Part # \_\_\_\_\_ People X \$28 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Nunsense # \_\_\_\_\_ Students X \$12 # \_\_\_\_\_ Adults X \$20 Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Step Five - Donations

Ticket sales account for less than 60% of our budget. Patrons making a tax deductible donation are listed in playbills and receive the following:

CHORUS	\$10-49	Thank You!
ACTOR	\$50-99	2 FREE show tickets
CO-STAR	\$100-299	4 FREE show tickets
LEADING PLAYER	\$300-499	8 FREE show tickets
SUPERSTAR	\$500-999	16 FREE show tickets
LEGEND	\$1000-4999	24 FREE show tickets
DIRECTOR	\$5000 +	32 FREE show tickets

### Step Six - Add To Your Experience

Think Pink with Pinkalicious	# ___ People X \$5	Date _____
Blue's Spectacular Party	# ___ People X \$5	Date _____
Aladdin's Agrabah Adventure	# ___ People X \$5	Date _____
Hop To It with Frog & Toad	# ___ People X \$5	Date _____
Around the World w Flat Stanley	# ___ People X \$5	Date _____
Cookies & Milk with Mouse	# ___ People X \$5	Date _____

### Step Seven - Your Totals

Total cost for Full Season Passes	\$ _____
Total cost for Season Packages	\$ _____
Total cost for Individual Tickets	\$ _____
Total cost for Season Specials	\$ _____
Tax-Deductible Donation	\$ _____
Add to Your Experience	\$ _____
Postage and Handling	\$2.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____

### Payment Options

\_\_\_ Check payable to ECCT enclosed  
\_\_\_ Bill my: \_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ Visa  
Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV (Three digit code on back) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Patron Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Send your payment and order form to:

**ECCT, 1814 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703**

Questions? Call 715-839-8877

- Add me to your E-NEWS list for updates and special offers!
- Send me info about ECCT's ENCORE volunteer opportunities.
- Contact me about playbill ad sales and show sponsorships.

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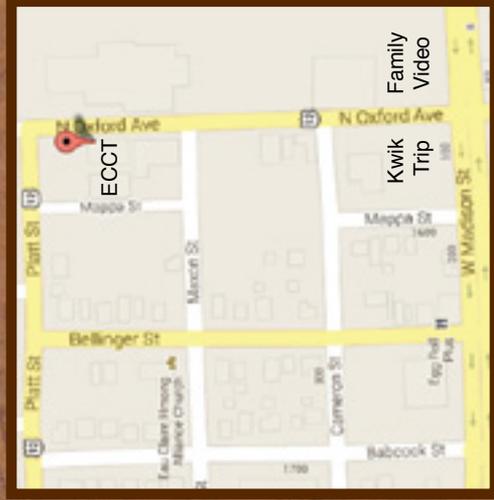
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