

Family Events @ The Wallis

Upcoming Theater, Dance and Family Concert Events in January at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

(Beverly Hills, CA December 20) The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts will be bustling with family-friendly events in the New Year. Among the offerings is Theater for Young Audiences performances, a family concert, a free outdoor hip-hop dance session, and more. Below please find information regarding events coming up at The Wallis in January 2017.

Dance Sundays with Debbie Allen & Friends

Dance @ The Wallis

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Every second Sunday of the month, three-time Emmy Award-winner Debbie Allen and her Dance Sundays offer an exhilarating series of free, outdoor dance events for the whole family. On January 15 from 12 – 2pm, hip-hop master Chantel Heath will lead 'Break the Floor Hip Hop,' an introduction to hip-hop featuring a fun and energetic new routine (*please note this session will not be led by Ms. Allen*).

Venue: Outdoor Promenade Terrace

Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017

Times: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Recommended Age: All ages welcome

Ticket Price: FREE

Website: TheWallis.org/DebbieSundays

Photos: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hoc82cmz3btmo1p/AACddUYQd-mput4cNRWwABMia?dl=0>

Morgan's Journey

Theater for Young Audiences (TYA)

Saturday, January 21 & Sunday, January 22, 2017

Morgan's Journey has been delighting children and their families around the world for nearly three decades. The play is a captivating exploration of joyous yet challenging childhood experiences and offers audiences a unique opportunity for active participation. From the moment of his birth, we follow Morgan the Clown on a journey of discovery. We delight in the presents he receives, especially his last one, a wise sock puppet who becomes his companion. Encountering inevitable growing pains, Morgan learns a valuable and moving lesson about love and the true meaning of friendship.

Morgan's Journey, originally created by Robert Morgan and director David Craig in 1980, is now the longest-running touring play in Canadian history. It won the prestigious Chalmers' Canadian Play Award for Outstanding Play and has rightly earned the description given to it, "a true Canadian classic."

(*Morgan's Journey* cont.)

Venue: Lovelace Studio Theater

Dates: Saturday, January 21 & Sunday, January 22, 2017

Performance Times: 12:00pm & 2:30pm

Running Time: 60 minutes, no intermission

Recommended Age: 4-8 years old

Ticket Price: \$20

Website: TheWallis.org/Journey

More information about Robert Morgan can be found at: MorgansJourney.com

Photos: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ag1u9g01mygyw6b/AAAQRmSqR34xogSN0Zf-J8fQa?dl=0>

The Wallis Youth Theater Company presents *Word of Mouth*

GRoW @ The Wallis

Saturday, January 28 & Sunday, January 29, 2017

Word of Mouth is a devised physical theater piece that asks us to examine the role words play in creating a culture of fear and division, or a culture of empathy and unity. Integrating text, movement, mask and music, it is an uncompromising and sometimes satirical look at truth, fear and the power of words.

The narrative of *Word of Mouth* is drawn from testimonials, newspaper articles, interviews with United Nation delegates and political scientists, and grounded in the insights of Nobel Peace Prize honoree Aung San Suu Kyi.

The Wallis Youth Theater Company's mission is to provide young actors the chance to cross boundaries, and with an ethos of collaboration, create thoughtful and provocative work that is rooted in our humanity.

Venue: Lovelace Studio Theater

Date: Saturday, January 28 & Sunday, January 29, 2017

Performance Times: Sat at 8:00pm; Sun at 3:00pm & 7:00pm

Running Time: 90 minutes, no intermission

Recommended Age: 15+ (due to language and some adult content)

Ticket Price: \$20

Student tickets: \$10 (with valid ID)

Website: TheWallis.org/Word

Photos: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gagf7ai8l80aqd2/AABDP8PWh-UbKBlgqXsUrzfPa?dl=0>

Dan Zanes and Friends

Concerts @ The Wallis

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Dan Zanes occupies a unique place in American music where sea shanties, English music hall, North American and West Indian folk music, play party songs, the spirit of early rock-and-roll and soulful originals collide. With his band, Dan Zanes and Friends, he has toured the world sharing handmade 21st century social music with enthusiastic crowds of kids and kid sympathizers.

(Dan Zanes and Friends cont.)

From thrift shop basements to Carnegie Hall, from Brooklyn to Bahrain and beyond, the Grammy award winner has been introducing new songs and reconnecting people to songs that have always been there, and still are—although people may have forgotten about them. Referred to as “the family-music genre’s most outspoken and eloquent advocate” by Time Magazine, his widely-acclaimed music has been featured on “Sesame Street,” Playhouse Disney, Nickelodeon, HBO Family and Sprout.

Dan Zanes and Friends return to The Wallis after wildly popular engagements the previous two seasons. Once again, the Grammy Award-winner will bring his friend Sonia de los Santos for a bilingual English and Spanish concert for kids and kids-at-heart.

Venue: Bram Goldsmith Theater

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017

Performance Times: 11:00am & 2:00pm

Running Time: 60 minutes, no intermission

Recommended Age: All Ages

Ticket Price: \$25 – \$35

Website: TheWallis.org/Zanes

Photos: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/r6wwk0bk8a7n5qr/AABIQwqIG4_RoVulkPcfE8Ava?dl=0

Single tickets for the above-mentioned events are now available for purchase. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit TheWallis.org, call 310.746.4000 or stop by in person at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Services located at 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Ticket prices subject to change.

For more information about **The Wallis’ 2016/17 season**, please see our [press release](#).

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