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Performing Arts in The Parks *UPAF Groups to Perform in Six Milwaukee County Parks*

Milwaukee, WI (May 5, 2015) – Performing arts are coming to The Parks, thanks to Next Generation UPAF in partnership with the Milwaukee County Parks and the Park People of Milwaukee County. UPAF member groups will provide free, family-friendly performances and workshops in six parks, May 9 at 10 a.m.

All performances will be inside park pavilions, rain or shine, with doors opening at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited, and no registrations are being taken.

Gordon Park Pavilion, at 2828 N. Humboldt Ave., will feature Florentine Opera Studio Artists portraying the beloved characters of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*— but with an operatic musical twist, as *Goldie B. Locks and the Three Singing Bears*. Following the performance will be an educational question-and-answer session. Designed for children in grades pre-K to Grade 5 and their families.

Humboldt Park Pavilion, at 3000 S. Howell Ave., will feature the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet playing an eclectic mix of classical, patriotic, and pops selections.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center (Auditorium), at 1531 W. Vliet St., will feature First Stage’s Education Department with an interactive storytelling of *Little Critter: Just Saving My Money*. Young people and their families will be invited to help act out the story. Designed for children age 3-8 and their families.

LaFollette Park Pavilion, at 9418 W. Washington St., will feature Danceworks’ *Fairy Tale Fantasy*, an interactive dance and creative movement workshop for children. Danceworks Performance Company members will lead movement games and activities inspired by magical creatures. Designed for children age 3-10 and their families.

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Lincoln Park Pavilion (Upper Level), at 1301 W. Hampton Ave., will feature the Skylight Music Theatre presentation, *Kidswrites*. This musical show transforms uncorrected writing by students in grades 4–8 into a funny, fast-paced, and profound show.

Mitchell Park Pavilion (on the Lagoon), at 2200 W. Pierce St., will feature Milwaukee Ballet II performing ...*and Then it Rained* and *Rumblemash*. Following the performance, an interactive workshop will bring the audience members to their feet to try some ballet moves.

Next Generation UPAF, sponsored by We Energies Foundation, is an affinity group whose members are dedicated to cultivating awareness of, encouraging engagement in and promoting philanthropy for UPAF and the performing arts with the next generation of community leaders. Membership is open to donors age 45 and under who contribute \$500 or more each year.

For more information, visit www.upaf.org/2015-campaign/performing-arts-park

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