Speed Leads: Family-Friendly Performance

Great works that speak to the child in all of us. Engage audiences of all ages with artists and shows that enrich lives, build community, and inspire creativity.

GROUP 1

Okaidja Afroso
Agency Name: Self managed
Organization Website: www.okaidja.com
WAA Exhibit #: 917
Artist Name Being Pitched: Okaidja & Shokoto
Project Name Pitched: African/Diaspora music and dance
Artist or Project Website: www.okaidja.com
Fee Range: $3,500 - $5,000

Description:
Shokoto creates innovative music, drawing upon their West African roots and diverse rhythms from across the globe. Okaidja Afroso, who is a dynamic vocalist, a gifted multi-instrumentalist, and an exultant dancer, leads Shokoto. Okaidja’s unique artistic vision has led him to combine his native rhythms with unforeseen pairings of musical flavors. Shokoto’s music preserves cultural traditions while embracing diverse cross-cultural influences. Shokoto creates a rhythmic fusion of old and new that presents a fresh sound that preserves the authenticity of the traditional while embracing the rich complexity of the integrated world we inhabit today. In our workshops and performances we explore how our ancestor’s traditions have persevered and been reshaped in a contemporary version of the African oral tradition. The complex compositions, soulful vocals, and spirited dancing combine to create an unforgettable and unique experience.
Group 1

Christine Cox
Agency Name: The Amazing Max
Organization Website: www.theamazingmax.com
WAA Exhibit #: 525
Artist Name Being Pitched: Max Darwin
Project Name Pitched: The Amazing Max
Artist or Project Website: www.theamazingmax.com
Fee Range: $4,500 - $7,500

Description:
Max Darwin earned the moniker "The Amazing Max" not only for his extraordinary skills as a magician, but also for his ability to entertain audiences and keep the little ones spellbound. This high-energy, interactive and all-around silly show is appropriate for audiences of all ages. Max's TV credits include hosting "Game Farm" (Nickelodeon), magic consultant on "Brain Games" (National Geographic Channel), "Blindspot" (NBC), and many national commercials. "His ability to astound is something to see" Huffington Post.

Judy Valenti
Agency Name: Center Stage Artists
Organization Website: www.centerstageartists.com
WAA Exhibit #: 519
Artist Name Being Pitched: Chris Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience
Project Name Pitched: Stunt Dog Experience
Artist or Project Website: www.stuntdogs.com
Fee Range: $7,500-$10,000 for two shows same day

Description:
This cast of performers and dogs delight audiences of all ages, with high energy excitement from beginning to end. Witness incredible stunts and behaviors ever performed by dogs. With amazing tricks, big air stunts, comedy antics, dancing dogs, and athletic feats, it is the most entertaining show of its kind!
Kevin Bruce
Agency Name: KBAM! Kevin Bruce Arts Management
Organization Website: www.kbamonline.com
WAA Exhibit #: 407
Artist Name Being Pitched: Infinitus
Project Name Pitched: Beatboxing String Trio
Artist or Project Website: http://www.infinitusmusic.com/
Fee Range: $900-$2,500

Description:
Infinitus is a string trio known for their unique fusion of classical and beat-boxing arrangements. In recent years, the trio has toured in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and numerous points across the US. In addition to full-length evening concerts, Infinitus has done over 500 outreach education performances in schools.

GROUP 2

Simon Shaw
Agency Name: Shaw Entertainment Group
Organization Website: www.ShawEntertainment.com
WAA Exhibit #: 316
Artist Name Being Pitched: Arch8
Project Name Pitched: Tetris
Artist or Project Website: http://www.arch8.nl/en/
Fee Range: $5,000-$25,000

Description:
Inspired by the game Tetris this dance explores how we connect with one another. Tetris won the IPAY 2016 Peoples Choice Victor Award and was described by Laura Colby on Twitter as featuring "everything that is best about children's theater: ingenuity, creative play, and pure joy."
Group 2

Spring Karlo
Agency Name: Holden & Arts Associates
Organization Website: www.holdenarts.org
WAA Exhibit #: 809
Artist Name Being Pitched: David Gonzalez
Project Name Pitched: Cuentos: Tales from the Latino World
Artist or Project Website: http://www.davidgonzalez.com/
Fee Range: $4,500-$7,500

Description:
From the Puerto Rican anti-hero "Juan Bobo" to the mysterious Orishas in Afro-Cuban stories, Cuentos: Tales from the Latino World is filled with rhythmic music, memorable characters, and a celebration of Latino folklore. Cuentos will empower Hispanic audiences as well as provide a rich cultural introduction for all communities.

Laura Colby
Agency Name: Elsie Management
Organization Website: www.elsieman.org
WAA Exhibit #: 417
Artist Name Being Pitched: Machine de Cirque; eVenti Verticali; and Ann Carlson
Project Name Pitched: Machine de Cirque; WANTED; Animal Dance
Artist or Project Website: http://www.machinedecirque.com/en/; http://www.eventiverticali.com/;
http://www.elsieman.org/artist-roster/ann-carlson/
Fee Range: $15,000+ hsg - $20,000+ hsg

Description:
I would provide an overview of three NEW family-oriented shows available: Machine de Cirque (new circus); eVenti Verticali’s "WANTED" (acrobats performing on video wall); and Ann Carlson's "Animal Dance" (contemporary dance with live animals). Machine de Cirque (Quebec City) & eVenti Verticali (Italy) shows can be performed outdoors as well as indoors.
Jim Weiner
Agency Name: Boat Rocker Entertainment
Organization Website: http://boatrockerentertainment.com/
WAA Exhibit #: 425
Artist Name Being Pitched: Acrobuffos
Project Name Pitched: AIR PLAY
Artist or Project Website: http://boatrockerentertainment.com/portfolio-item/air-play-4/
Fee Range: $12,500 single to $30,000 week plus accommodations (3 rooms)

Description:
Air Play is a spectacular comic adventure on an epic scale for family audiences, with flying umbrellas, giant balloons, kites that float over the audience and the biggest snow globe you’ve ever seen. “You feel you’re witnessing divine natural occurrences rather than carefully devised circus stunts.” –Hartford Courant

GROUP 3

Paul Bongiorno
Agency Name: Starvox Booking LLC
Organization Website: www.starvoxbooking.com
WAA Exhibit #: 903
Artist Name Being Pitched: Hanoch Rosen
Project Name Pitched: Peter Pan in the 21st Century (working title)
Artist or Project Website: Amazingweb.co/vegas (current project representative of what is being developed)
Fee Range: $25,000-30,000 single/weekly negotiable

Description:
From the creative mind of Israeli director and performer Hanoch Rosen comes his latest innovation: "Peter Pan in the 21st Century". Rosen incorporates cutting edge and new tech hi res projections, 3D images and state of the art sound and light effects to reinvent the beloved and irrepressible character of Pan. This extraordinary project includes newly commissioned music as well as selections from the classic Peter Pan musical known worldwide plus a highly talented cast of dancers and mimes.
Group 3

Danielle Ferguson
Agency Name: ECE Touring / EastCoast Entertainment Inc.
Organization Website: www.ecetouring.com
WAA Exhibit #: 204
Artist Name Being Pitched: Presidio Brass
Project Name Pitched: The Presidio Brass Experience
Artist or Project Website: http://www.presidiobrass.com/#/education/c12cg
Fee Range: $4,950 - $7,000

Description:
This full-day residency program is free with every booking and covers a wide-range of topics while allowing participants to practice a pre-provided selection. Students will then join Presidio onstage for the public concert to perform the selection; offering an exceptional educational experience while engaging the community and driving ticket sales.

Llysa Holland
Agency Name: theater simple
Organization Website:
WAA Exhibit #: 522
Artist Name Being Pitched: theater simple
Project Name Pitched: TRAILER TALES: Urban Safari (An Unexpected Family Reunion)
Artist or Project Website: http://theatersimple.org/trailer-tales-urban-safari
Fee Range: $3,500-$7,000, depending on block booking, travel and style of residency

Description:
An interactive site-specific performance art piece. Clamber into the '62 Airstream, hang out at the bbq, and eavesdrop on 'cousins' gossipping at a pseudo-traditional (and idiosyncratic) family reunion. Explore the customs of this sprawling, oddly familiar clan as you snag a snack and add to family lore.
Robin Klinger
Agency Name: Robin Klinger Entertainment LLC
Organization Website: www.RobinKlingerEntertainment.com
WAA Exhibit #: 206
Artist Name Being Pitched: Experiential Theatre Company
Project Name Pitched: Journey to Oz
Artist or Project Website: http://www.exptheater.org/workshops.html
Fee Range: $7,500 - $10,000

Description:
The works of L. Frank Baum are numerous and his tales of Dorothy and her adventures in Oz are his most beloved. In this fantastic new adaptation we are invited to go to Oz with Dorothy as audience members become a part of an experiential production, singing and dancing, and acting alongside professional actors. When the cyclone comes, the entire theater enters the eye of the storm with whisking lights and exciting music created by lauded composer, Josh Totora.

GROUP 4

Jerry Ross
Agency Name: Harmony Artists
Organization Website: www.harmonyartists.com
WAA Exhibit #: 600
Artist Name Being Pitched: Recycled Percussion
Project Name Pitched: Recycled Percussion: Hijinx!
Artist or Project Website: www.recycledpercussionband.com
Fee Range: $8,500 - $15,000

Description:
A fully produced, theatrical event that has been voted National Act of the Year a record breaking six times. They exemplify talent & creativity in a dynamic high-energy audience interactive experience filled with comedy, music, amazing staging and of course - brilliant drumming.
Group 4

Warren Hammond
Agency Name: SMIRK
Organization Website: www.smirkshow.com
WAA Exhibit #: 410
Artist Name Being Pitched: SMIRK
Project Name Pitched: SMIRK
Artist or Project Website: www.smirkshow.com
Fee Range: $2,500-$4,500

Description:
When former scientist and innovative juggling ace Warren Hammond, and Ringling clown Reid Belstock put together a show, you get Smirk! This show embodies the best that family entertainment has to offer; a visual display of human skill and precision, and timeless humor with all the subtlety of an atom-smasher.

Comedy, chaos and a cannon. This is just a small part of what you’ll see in Smirk, a top notch juggling and circus experience.

Isaac Bunch
Agency Name: Sciolino Artist Management
Organization Website: www.samnyc.us
WAA Exhibit #: 406
Artist Name Being Pitched: Harlem Quartet with Aldo López-Gavilán
Project Name Pitched: Harlem Quartet with Aldo López-Gavilán
Artist or Project Website: http://www.samnyc.us/artist.php?id=harlemquartetaIdogavilan
Fee Range: $12,000-$20,000

Description:
Harlem Quartet and Aldo López-Gavilán offer fun, accessible programs that blend jazz, classical, and Cuban music. Throughout the program each member speaks to the audience about their instruments and the ins and outs of making a piece of music come together.
Steve Heath
Agency Name: Alma Artist Booking
Organization Website: www.almaartistbooking.com
WAA Exhibit #: 905
Artist Name Being Pitched: The Underwater Bubble Show
Project Name Pitched: The Underwater Bubble Show
Artist or Project Website: http://www.underwaterbubbleshow.com/
Fee Range: $7,500-15,000

Description:
Mr. B finds himself transported as if by magic to a special, colorful, happy place called Bubblelandia, a place to linger, to dream. From Latvia, this family production conjures Cirque du Soleil with bubbles, including elements of modern cirque, acrobatics, juggling, dance and story-telling. North American debut this Fall.