

Seattle Children's Theatre

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SCT expands Access Program to include discounts for low-income families

(Seattle, WA) – Seattle Children's Theatre launches Access SCT, a program offering discounted tickets for families receiving public assistance. Families with a current EBT or Quest Card may receive up to two adult and six child tickets for \$20 as part of the theatre's ongoing mission to provide children of all ages, access to professional theatre.

"Access SCT activates the power of theatre for young people and lessens the financial burden for our community members to experience SCT," says Courtney Sale, Artistic Director. "We want every child to feel a profound sense of belonging when they walk through our doors."

As a leader in the field of theatre for young audiences SCT provides opportunities for children to engage with professional theatre programming through a six show production season, multiple education programs and robust outreach activities. In order to ensure all children have access to high quality productions created for young people, the organization has sustained the School Children's Access Program throughout the years, which helps mitigate costs for students attending the theatre with their schools. Through this program, SCT provides 10,000 free tickets to students and teachers with another 45,000 attending at a deeply discounted rate each season.

Access SCT expands this program for families participating in the EBT program and helps to provide opportunities for individuals not connected with a specific school or community. This furthers the organization's mission for all children to engage with professional theatre. "We are so excited to launch this new program as we open our 42nd season," says Karen Sharp, Managing Director. "We believe that all children have the right to have art as part of their experience. Access SCT strengthens our commitment to the entire community."

Program participation details can be found at <http://www.sct.org/Tickets/Access-SCT-EBT-Program>.

About SCT:

Seattle Children's Theatre, which celebrates its 42nd season in 2016-2017, is internationally recognized as a leading producer of professional theatre, educational programs, and new scripts

for young audiences. At the close of 2016, SCT will have produced over 251 plays, 110 of which are world premieres, entertaining, inspiring and educating over 4 million children. SCT's School Children Access Program annually provides \$1.4 million in significantly reduced or complimentary tickets for schools and community organizations in the Puget Sound Area.

Special thanks to season sponsors ArtsFund, The Shubert Foundation, and Microsoft for helping make our programming accessible for all children.

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