



Flint Institute of Music

Information for Educators 2025 - 2026

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Flint Repertory Theatre presents
A Streetcar Named Desire
September 25 or October 2, 2025
10:00am
University of Michigan-Flint Theatre

Southern belle Blanche DuBois has unexpectedly arrived in New Orleans, setting in motion a dangerous power struggle between herself and her sister's husband, Stanley. Tension builds, reality and illusion collide, and desires crescendo in this smoldering Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Tennessee Williams' timeless masterpiece is a raging portrayal of what it means to be an outsider in a society where we're all desperate to belong.

Age recommendation: High School and older
Run time: approximately 2 hours and 40 minutes with a 10-minute intermission
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Flint School of Performing Arts presents
Meet the Orchestra! Children's Concert
January 30, 2026
9:30am, 10:45am & 12:30pm
Whiting Auditorium

Join the talented musicians of the Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra at this "for youth by youth" concert and discover how each individual instrument contributes to the entire orchestra.

Age recommendation: 2nd - 5th grades
Run time: approximately 45 minutes
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FIM presents
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
October 23, 2025 • 10:00am & 12:00pm
Whiting Auditorium

Whatever you do, don't let the Pigeon star in his own musical! Based on Mo Willems' beloved books, with music by Deborah Wicks La Puma, Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical! brings laughter, feathers, and fun. When the Bus Driver faces a crisis, can the Pigeon save the day? This lively show is perfect for young audiences and fans of Willems' hilarious, high-energy stories.

Age recommendation: Pre-K - 2nd grades
Run time: approximately 60 minutes
Study guide: [pigeon-study-guide-pdf](#)
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FIM presents
Hero: The Boy from Troy
February 5, 2026 • 10:00am & 12:00pm
Whiting Auditorium

Jayden is stuck in detention with a book about Congressman John Lewis, but he thinks that history has nothing to teach him. Together we go on a musical journey through the decades that shows how the heroes in the Civil Rights movement inspired young John Lewis to protest injustice and get into 'good trouble.' As John meets Rosa Parks and Dr. King and ultimately becomes a leader and American hero himself, Jayden learns how he too can take a stand.

Age recommendation: 3rd - 6th grades
Run time: approximately 60 minutes
Study guide: [HERO Study Guide UPDATED.pdf](#)
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FIM presents
Doktor Kaboom: Under Pressure
January 22, 2026 • 10:00am & 12:00pm
Whiting Auditorium

Equal parts science, comedy, and inspiration, Doktor Kaboom: Under Pressure! uses physical science experiments as metaphors for mental and emotional challenges. Known for hilarious, high-energy shows, Doktor Kaboom keeps audiences laughing while empowering student volunteers to shine. This engaging performance validates the pressures young people face and offers practical tools and life lessons for managing life's challenges—with plenty of fun along the way.

Age recommendation: 3rd - 7th grades
Run time: approximately 60 minutes
Study guide: [Doktor Kaboom: Under Pressure! Learning Guide](#)
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FIM presents
Ada Twist Scientist
March 5, 2026 • 10:00am & 12:00pm
Whiting Auditorium

Ms. Greer's classroom includes three inquisitive out-of-the-box thinkers. Rosie Revere has big dreams, Iggy Peck has a relentless passion for architecture, and Ada Twist's curiosity can drive her teacher crazy. On a field trip gone awry, they are faced with the ultimate test of their problem-solving skills that can only be conquered with teamwork.

Age recommendation: K - 4th grades
Run time: approximately 60 minutes
Study guide: [Ada Twist, Scientist & Friends Educational Resources - TheaterWorksUSA](#)
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Flint Repertory Theatre presents
Lucky Stiff
 April 2, 2026 • 10:00am
 University of Michigan-Flint Theatre

Harry Witherspoon must take his murdered uncle's corpse on a Monte Carlo vacation to inherit \$6 million—without getting caught. *Lucky Stiff* is a hilarious musical murder mystery by Ahrens and Flaherty, packed with mistaken identities, diamonds, and a corpse in a wheelchair. This first-ever co-production between Flint Rep and UM-Flint Theatre features a mix of professional and student performers and creatives.

Age recommendation: 7th grade and up
 Run time: approximately 2 hours with a 10-minute intermission
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Flint Symphony Orchestra presents
FSOLive!
 Virtual content is available for viewing
 Oct 12 - Nov 11 Heroic Reflections:
 Ravel's Piano Concerto in G major
 Strauss' *Ein Heldenleben*, Op. 40 ("A Hero's Life")

Feb 22 - Mar 23 American Frontiers:
 Barber's Overture from *The School for Scandal*, Op. 5
 Ewazen's Concerto for Trumpet and String Orchestra
 Williams' "With Malice Toward None" from Lincoln
 Copland's *Billy the Kid* (Suite)
 Still's *Afro-American Symphony*

Age recommendation: Middle and High School
 Run time: approximately 90 minutes
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Flint School of Performing Arts presents
A Midsummer Night's Dream and More
 April 10, 2026 • 9:30am & 11:30am
 Whiting Auditorium

FSPA's music, dance, and theatre departments come together to present excerpts from one of William Shakespeare's most beloved tales: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Join us as we share this enchanting story — filled with order and disorder, reality and illusion, and love and marriage — and the timeless music of Felix Mendelssohn. In addition to this collaboration, the event will feature individual performances by Flint Youth Ballet, Flint Youth Theatre, and Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Age recommendation: 2nd - 8th grades
 Run time: approximately 60 minutes
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FIM presents
Kattam and his Tam Tams
 April 28, 2026 • 10:00am & 12:00pm
 Whiting Auditorium

Music is the best passport to discovering the many cultures of the world! To the sound of the n'goni, balafon, djembe, naffar, derbouka and dhol, percussionist Kattam invites you to discover Africa, the Middle East and India through rhythm, song and dance! From African rap and desert dance to trance Sufi rhythm and Bollywood dance, Kattam never fails to entertain his audience. Accompanied by his monkey, Takoum, join Kattam on an incredibly multicultural adventure!

Age recommendation: K - 6th grades
 Run time: approximately 60 minutes
 Study guide: [Kattam and his Tam-Tams.pdf](#)
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Additional FIM opportunities -

Hocus Focus: Residency

October 13-24, 2025; January 26-February 6, 2026; April 27-May 8, 2026



Hocus Focus™ is a creative instructional approach to support the learning of students with varying degrees of educational challenges and abilities including autistic, cognitively delayed, emotionally disturbed, and learning-disabled students. The activities are motivational, promote positive self-expression, and reinforce many key skills needed for student success.

For over a decade, FIM has worked with Dr. Kevin Spencer, sending him and his unique performance-based therapy into our local schools. Dr. Spencer and his magic tricks can amaze any audience of children (and adults), but his specialty is working with our special needs populations. In 2025-2026 FIM is expanding Dr. Spencer's residency, hoping to engage more students and provide professional development for current and pre-service teachers about arts-informed instruction and methods of measuring growth and achievement in special-needs populations.

Troubadours - The Pirates of Polyphony

The Troubadours are back with a brand new show for the 2025-2026 school year! Set sail with the Troubadours as they journey across the sea, befriend a pirate, and find themselves thrown backward in time! To return to 2025, they must master "polyphony" — the musical magic of weaving two or more melodies together at the same time — and play in harmony to chart their course home.

Beloved by teachers and students alike, this program gives students a rare opportunity to experience a live performance by professional performers who are part of the FIM staff and the Flint Symphony Orchestra.

For more information about bringing the Troubadours to your school, please contact Aiesha Lewis at alewis@thefim.org or at 810-237-7349. [REGISTER NOW](#)

Flint Rep on the Road - The Birds

October 27 - November 7, 2025; February 16 - 27, 2026



This season, Flint Repertory Theatre launches its first touring production:

The Birds by Aristophanes. This ancient Greek comedy follows two adventurers who abandon civilization to join the birds in founding a utopian city in the clouds. Blending witty dialogue, lyrical beauty, and inventive staging, this sparkling fantasy will tour Genesee County schools, community centers, and more, delighting audiences just as it did 2,000 years ago.

If you would like to bring this production to your school or community group, contact Aiesha Lewis at alewis@thefim.org. [INTEREST FORM](#)