



Flint Institute of Music

Information for Educators 2026 - 2027

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Turn learning into a live experience—reserve your seats today!



Flint Repertory Theatre

August Wilson's Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

Thursday, Sept 24 & Wednesday Sept 30, 2026
10:00am
Elgood Theatre

Set in a 1927 Chicago recording studio, *August Wilson's Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* follows legendary blues singer Ma Rainey as she clashes with white producers over control of her music and her voice. This powerful drama explores race, ambition, and the price of artistic freedom.

Age recommendation: High school and older

Run time: approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes with a 10-minute intermission

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FIM presents

Janet's Planet: Tour Through the Solar System

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 • 10:00am & 12:00pm
Whiting Auditorium

Janet's Planet: Tour Through the Solar System is an interactive space adventure where Captain Janet guides students on a virtual journey through the solar system. With audience participation, students explore planets and other celestial objects in an engaging, memorable way.

Age recommendation: 3rd - 5th grades

Run time: approximately 55 minutes

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Teachers, extend the experience with a visit to Longway Planetarium or Sloan Museum of Discovery! View a planetarium show, explore the museum's immersive exhibits, or engage in a hands-on STEM program. Call (810) 237-3409 or email

Reservations@sloanlongway.org for more information.



FIM presents

Sugar Skull! A Día de los Muertos Musical Adventure!

Monday, November 2, 2026
10:00am & 12:00pm
Whiting Auditorium

SUGAR SKULL! A Día de los Muertos Musical Adventure is a vibrant bilingual musical about twelve-year-old Vita Flores, whose magical journey with a spirited candy skeleton uncovers the true meaning of Día de Muertos through the rich music, dance, and traditions of Mexico.

Age recommendation: 1st - 5th grades

Run time: approximately 60 minutes

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FIM presents

Velveteen

Friday, November 20, 2026
10:00am & 12:00pm
Whiting Auditorium

Velveteen is a magical new musical about friendship, love, and transformation. When Lulu receives a cherished velveteen rabbit, the two embark on a heartwarming journey that explores what it truly means to become "Real."

Age recommendation: K - 4th grades

Run time: approximately 55 minutes

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Flint Repertory Theatre

Rent

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
10:00am
Bower Theatre

In New York City's East Village, a group of young artists struggles to survive, create, and connect in the face of poverty, addiction, and the AIDS crisis. Over the course of one unforgettable year, friendships are tested, love is found and lost, and a community learns what it means to truly live. With an electrifying rock score, *Rent* is a groundbreaking musical about holding on to hope, choosing love, and finding light in the darkest moments.

Age recommendation: High school and older

Run time: approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes with a 10-minute intermission

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FIM presents

Tap in Time

Friday, February 19, 2027
10:00am & 12:00pm
Whiting Auditorium

"*Tap in Time*" is an interactive program that explores the history of tap dance from Africa to the Americas. Through live demonstrations and multimedia, students discover the artists, rhythms, and cultural influences that shaped this uniquely American art form.

Age recommendation: 3rd - 6th grades

Run time: approximately 55 minutes

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FIM presents

Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System

Monday, March 8, 2027

10:00am & 12:00pm

Whiting Auditorium

When the class gets lost on the way to the planetarium, Ms. Frizzle blasts into outer space for an unforgettable field trip through the solar system. Based on the beloved Scholastic series, this fun-filled musical adventure teaches students the power of teamwork while exploring the wonders of space.

Age recommendation: K - 5th grades

Run time: approximately 60 minutes

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Flint Repertory Theatre

Witch

Thursday, April 22, 2027

10:00am

Elgood Theatre

In the quiet village of Edmonton, an outcast woman is offered wealth, power, and love—for the price of her soul. Jen Silverman's *Witch* is a witty, subversive fable about temptation, ambition, and the cost of getting exactly what you think you want.

Age recommendation: High school and older

Run time: approximately 90 minutes, no intermission

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FSOLive!

Flint Symphony Orchestra

Virtual content is available for viewing

Oct 13 - Nov 8, 2026

Enrique Diemecke, music director and conductor

Haochen Zhang, piano

An American Love Story:

Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances" from *Westside Story*

Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F

Hanson's Symphony No. 2, op. 30 ("Romantic")

Age recommendation: Middle and High school

Run time: approximately 90 minutes

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FSOLive!

Flint Symphony Orchestra

Virtual content is available for viewing

February 13 - March 13, 2027

Enrique Diemecke, music director and conductor

Najee Greenlee, clarinet

2026 William C. Byrd Young Artist Competition Winner

Rhythm, Song, and Celebration

Jessie Montgomery's *Strum*

Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K. 622

Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A Major, op. 92

Age recommendation: Middle and High school

Run time: approximately 90 minutes

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Bring Arts Education to your School -

Hocus Focus: Residency

October 12-23, 2026; January 25-February 5, 2027; April 26-May 7, 2027



Hocus Focus™ uses magic-based activities to support students with diverse learning needs, including those with autism, cognitive delays, emotional disabilities, and learning differences.

For more than a decade, FIM has partnered with Dr. Kevin Spencer to bring his performance-based therapy into local schools.

In 2026-2027, the program will expand to serve more students while providing professional development for educators on arts-informed instruction and assessment.

For more information about bringing Hocus Focus to your school, please contact

Amanda Sauvie at asauvie@thefim.org.

Troubadours - The Pirates of Polyphony

The Troubadours return for the 2026-2027 school year with a swashbuckling musical adventure!

As they sail the seas and travel through time, students discover the magic of polyphony while enjoying a live performance by professional musicians from FIM and the Flint Symphony Orchestra.

For more information about bringing the Troubadours to your school, please contact

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Flint Repertory Theatre

Flint Rep on the Road - Metamorphoses

February 8 - 28, 2027



Flint Rep on the Road returns this season with a three-week winter touring adaptation of the epic poem *Metamorphoses* by Ovid.

In this fast-paced journey through the myths of Ovid, mortals and deities collide in stories of passion, jealousy, humor, and loss—where humans become animals, rivers, stars, and more. *Metamorphoses* is a theatrical adventure that brings ancient stories to life, revealing a timeless truth: change is the one thing we all share.

If you would like to bring this production to your school or community group, contact Emily Nichter at enichter@thefim.org.

TO REGISTER: thefim.org/Metamorphosesedu