

Alexander is back in Northbrook

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Last year, Northbrook Musical Theatre for Young Audiences charmed children and parents with the tale of "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day." Judith Viorst's hero returns to the theater at 3323 Walters Ave. in "Alexander Who's Not, Not, Not, Not, Not, Not Going to Move," 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through Feb. 28.

"This one confronts the issue that many kids have to confront," said Performing Arts Manager Dr. Gregory Dennhardt. "The dad has gotten a new job and they're going to move 1,000 miles away. Alexander's two brothers, being older, are able to take it much more confidently. Alexander doesn't want to move."

The musical shows "the funny and sad things that happen as Alexander is saying good-bye to his friends and the people he's known for so long," Dennhardt said. These include his trying to get adopted by another family.

The director described the interactive show as "very endearing and very funny." It draws the conclusion, "Home is where your family is."

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 performance day and online.

For details, call (847) 291-2367 or see www.northbrooktheatre.org.

Dance with dad

An early Valentine's Day celebration is planned for "Dad/Daughter Date Night," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at Skokie School Gym, 520 Glendale, Winnetka. Register at the Winnetka Park District, 540 Hibbard Rd., for this evening of dinner, dancing, entertainment, pictures and a Valentine's gift bag for girls in kindergarten-fifth grade and their fathers. Tickets are \$55 per couple, \$10 for each additional child.

For details, call (847) 501-2040.

Band together

You'll hear the sounds of trombones, trumpets, horns, tubas, flutes, clarinets, oboes, saxophones, bassoons and percussion instruments at "Strike Up the Band!" 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The Kids Fare concert is for children ages 3-8, and their families and friends. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 seniors and \$4 children and students.

For details, call (847) 491-5441.

And in this ring...

That could be your cue after you and your child, age 2-3, attend "Parent-Tot Circus" classes, 9:30-10:10 a.m. Thursdays, Jan. 29-April 2, at The Actors Gymnasium, Noyes Cultural Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Cost is \$130 a couple for these classes designed to develop strength, creativity and self-esteem through circus-themed activities.

For details, call (847) 328-2795.

Craft and culture

Your kids can learn a Native American craft while you explore the wonderful exhibits at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston. "Kids Craft Mornings" activities are free with suggested admission donation of \$5 adults, \$2.50 seniors, students and children, maximum of \$10 per family. Next is "Woven Miniature Rugs," 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 24.

For details, call (847) 475-1030.

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