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State Theatre New Jersey presents the 13th Annual

State Theatre New Jersey Family Day on Presidents Day

Monday, February 18, 2019

Featuring three performances of Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live

At 10am, 12:30pm, and 3pm

New Brunswick, NJ (January 31, 2019)—State Theatre presents the 13th annual **State Theatre Family Day on Monday, February 18, 2019**, featuring *Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live* at **10am, 12:30pm, and 3pm**. *Tickets range from \$10-\$29*. Family Day is supported by The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey.

In *Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live*, America's favorite zookeeper, Jack Hanna, shares stories and video footage of his worldwide adventures—from brushing a hippo's teeth to eating with wombats—and introduces the audience to an array of wild animals—live and “in person”!

Presidents Day is Family Day at the State Theatre

Families can spend the school-day holiday enjoying performances, workshops, and hands-on activities—many of them free—plus costumed characters, face painting, balloon animals, games, a photo booth, coloring station, food, and more. The day-long festival, which runs from 10am to 3:30pm, spreads across The State and other local venues, bringing downtown New Brunswick alive with nonstop activity.

“Family Day is one of our biggest events of the year,” said **Lian Farrer, Vice President of Education & Community Engagement** at State Theatre New Jersey. “The State Theatre becomes a busy hub of performances and activities where kids and their families can share all kinds of creative experiences together. And with so many free events, it's a full day of fun that's easily affordable for families large and small. We're proud to offer this truly special event to our community.”

“We are excited to support programs that bring families and the community together, said **Jonathan R. Pearson, Executive Director of The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey**. “Family Day promises to offer performances and activities that enrich the lives of children and adults alike, so we encourage everyone to consider a trip to the State Theatre on Presidents Day.”

The featured Family Day events include performances of ***Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live*** at **10am, 12:30pm, and 3pm** at State Theatre New Jersey. Additionally, there will be free performances in the studio space on the second floor of the State Theatre, including performances by musical group **Bandits on the Run** (10:30am, 12pm) and one-man band **Hopalong Andrew** (1:30pm, 2:45pm).

A variety of hands-on workshops take place throughout the day, including “**Hand-in-Hand**” for ages 3-4 (11am), a **Beginning Ballet** workshop for ages 6-8 (12pm), and a **Jazz/Theater Dance** workshop for ages 9 and up (1pm), led by American Repertory Ballet; three theater workshops led by coLAB Arts including “**Fables in Performance**” for ages 3-5 (10:30am), “**Animal Adventures**” for ages 3-5 (11:30am), and “**Intro to Improv and Theater Games**” for ages 9 and up (2pm); and “**Yoga Mad Libs**” (12:30pm), “**Kids Zumba**” for ages 7-11 (1:30pm), and “**Zumbini**” for ages 0-4 (2:30pm), led by the Garden of Healing Yoga and Wellness Center. No advance registration is required for the workshops; space is limited, and admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Additionally, FREE arts and crafts activities will be available from 10am-3:30pm at The Heldrich Hotel, and FREE ice sculpting demonstrations will be featured in front of the State Theatre at 11:15am and 1:45pm.

State Theatre New Jersey’s Family Day is supported by The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey. The Lead Sponsor for State Theatre New Jersey’s Family Series is Investor’s Bank. The Family Day Media Sponsor is Magic 98.3.

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For tickets, more information, or group discounts, call State Theatre Guest Services at 732-246-SHOW (7469), or visit us online at STNJ.org. State Theatre Guest Services, located at 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick NJ, is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 6pm; Saturday from 1pm to 5pm; and at least three hours prior to curtain on performance dates unless otherwise specified. *Additional ticket and transaction fees may apply.*

About State Theatre New Jersey

The theater exists to enrich people’s lives, contribute to a vital urban environment, and build future audiences by presenting the finest performing artists and entertainers and fostering lifetime appreciation for the performing arts through arts education. State Theatre New Jersey’s programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund. United is the official airline of the State Theatre.

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