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Segerstrom Center for the Arts Announces 2019 – 2020 Family Series

Discovery Series

*Sonia De Los Santos • The Joshua Show: Episode 2 • Beep
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! (The Musical) • Paper Planet*

Explorer Series

*Sugar Skull! A Día De Los Muertos Musical Adventure
Emil and the Detectives • Blue Man Group*

COSTA MESA, CA – Segerstrom Center for the Arts has announced its fun-packed 2019 – 2020 Family Series that will inspire and delight audiences of all ages. The **Discovery Series** is perfect for children ages 4 – 8 and the **Explorer Series** has been designed for children ages 7 and older. Each show is an adventure in storytelling and theatrical creativity that will inspire young imaginations and create a life-long interest and appreciation for live theater. Each performance is meant to be enjoyed as a family and is preceded by an hour of free family activities. All performances will be in Segerstrom Center's Samueli Theater except Blue Man Group, which will be performed in Segerstrom Hall.

Three engagements will have special relaxed / sensory-friendly performances designed specifically for patrons who may benefit from a more relaxed sensory experience and causal environment including patrons on the autism spectrum or others with sensory sensitivities. All engagements will offer sign-language interpretation at one performance to assist the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

A subscription for all of the Sensory Friendly Series performances is \$48. Discovery Series subscriptions are \$80. Explorer Series subscriptions are \$57. Subscriptions to the Family Series will be available beginning Monday, April 22. Single tickets will go on sale approximately eight weeks prior to individual engagements. Visit the Center's website, www.SCFTA.org for more information about the 2019 – 2020 Season. For inquiries about group ticket discounts, call the Group Services office at (714) 755-0236.

Segerstrom Center for the Arts applauds Kia, Official Automotive Partner of the Center, and United Airlines, Official Airline of the Center. *Parenting OC* is the Media Partner of the Family Series.

2019 – 2020 FAMILY SERIES

DISCOVERY SERIES

For families and children ages 4 – 8. Discover Series Subscriptions – from \$80



SONIA DE LOS SANTOS

September 21 & 22, 2019
Samueli Theater

“One of the Latin Children's music artists you should know.” – *Billboard*

Sonia De Los Santos has been performing her positive, multicultural, family-friendly music since 2007. Her songs are inspired by various Latin American rhythms hailing from Mexico, Colombia and Peru as well as the North American folk traditions. They reflect her experiences growing up in Mexico and moving to another country, learning about other cultures, and, in the process, feeling closer to her own heritage. Singing in both English and Spanish, De Los Santos' messages of joyful community, music making, and cultural bridge-building will inspire and excite children and grown-ups of all backgrounds.



THE JOSHUA SHOW: EPISODE 2

February 1 & 2, 2020
Samueli Theater

“With his quirky handcrafted puppets and vaudevillian style, performer Joshua Holden feels like a throwback to another era.”
– *Mommy Poppins*

Life got you down? Spend an hour with award-winning puppeteer, Joshua Holden. *The Joshua Show: Episode 2* delights audiences of all ages by celebrating individuality in ourselves and others, helping to combat the doldrums of everyday life. Joshua's right-hand man and grumpiest of grumps, Mr. Nicholas, is planning an escape to outer space. With live music, singing, tap dancing and a cast of zany puppets, Joshua sets out to convince Mr. Nicholas to stay, and in doing so, he brings glee to the masses. This whimsical production about friendship, confidence, and the value of being yourself is sure to turn even the sulkiest sourpuss into an "Ambassador of Joy."



BEEP

March 14 & 15, 2020
Samueli Theater

“A tender tale of friendship for the whole family.” – *The Advertiser*

A slightly sideways tale about unexpected friendship, finding where you fit and learning to mix it up a little. In Mort's Village, everything has its place, every day is the same and everyone likes it that way. Until one morning, crash, boom, bang... down comes Beep. What is this annoying interruption to Mort's breakfast molly melon, who is this noisy robot girl, and how will she find her home? When Beep's power source starts to drain and she runs into trouble, will Mort and the other villagers be able to help her? With Windmill's trademark design, gentle

storytelling, music and puppetry, *Beep* tells the story of what happens when someone new comes to town.



DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS! (THE MUSICAL)

March 21 & 22, 2020

Samueli Theater

Whatever you do, don't let the Pigeon star in his own musical production! Because it's not easy being the Pigeon – you never get to do ANYTHING! But when the bus driver has a crisis that threatens to make her passengers (gasp!) late, maybe that wily bird CAN do something. Starring an innovative mix of actors, puppets, songs and feathers, *Don't Let The Pigeon Drive The Bus! (The Musical)* is sure to get everyone's wings flapping. With a script written by Mo Willems, the creator of the #1 *New York Times* best-selling, Caldecott Honor award-winning *Pigeon* picture books, along with longtime collaborator and Disney Jr's *Muppet Babies* executive producer, Mr. Warburton, and featuring music by Deborah Wicks La Puma, the composer behind *Elephant & Piggie's We Are In A Play!* and *Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed: The Rock Experience*, this comedic musical production is even more fun than staying up late and having a hot dog party!



PAPER PLANET

May 2 & 3, 2020

Samueli Theater

"...their work encourages free artistic expression and an imaginative interpretation of the world." – *Broadway World*

Theater and play merge as students discover a world of adventures in *Paper Planet*. Unlike a typical theater experience, this installation style production invites children to engage with performers and use paper, tape and nimble fingers to build a planet all their own. After exploring a forest of spectacular cardboard trees, children are encouraged to make creatures, flowers, costumes and impossible constructions, populating the world around them with fantastic paper creations. *Paper Planet* is a unique experience that children and their families will find inspiring and utterly blissful.

EXPLORER SERIES

For families and children ages 7 and older. Explorer Series Subscriptions – from \$57



SUGAR SKULL! A DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS MUSICAL ADVENTURE

November 9 & 10, 2019
Samueli Theater

“...the company entertains while it educates, taking the stage for a fast-moving, memorable and happy hour.” – *Absecon News*

Young Vita thinks her family has gone loco planning a celebration for deceased loved ones. Why throw a party for the dead? But when a candy skeleton on her abuelita’s cemetery ofrenda suddenly springs to life, Vita finds herself on a magical, musical journey to unravel the true meaning of Día de los Muertos. Meet Sugar Skull, a charismatic candy skeleton who dreams of riding the exclusive train to Who-Knows-Where. Along with her skeletal new friend, Vita dances with ancient ancestors, sings with a sorrowful sorceress, escapes the trickster Chaneques, and even meets the famous Catrina Calavera. But can this clever youth help him get on the train before it’s too late? *Sugar Skull!* is a joyous, heart-felt adventure that delves into the rich, tuneful traditions of Día de los Muertos. Featuring Mexico Beyond Mariachi, a company of gifted musicians and dancers rooted in Mexican traditions, this colorful stage production is the perfect fall entertainment for youth and family audiences alike.



EMIL AND THE DETECTIVES

April 4 & 5, 2020
Samueli Theater

“Watching these detectives is a theatrical delight.” – *The Australian*

Young Emil catches a train to visit family, but something valuable is stolen and Emil ends up alone in the big city, lost and desperate. A group of quick-thinking and resourceful children rallies around, and the thief soon discovers Emil was not such an easy target. Can a bunch of kids work together to uncover and outsmart the criminal? *Emil & the Detectives* is a journey about self-discovery, the value of friendships and taking risks and the empowerment of young people. In Slingsby’s signature intimate theatrical style, the story is told by two skilled actors combining the thrilling intrigue of a classic caper with an evocative film noir design, complete with smoke and mirrors, miniature worlds and a cinematic score. Based on a 1929 novella by German writer Erich Kästner.



BLUE MAN GROUP

January 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
Seegerstrom Hall

Blue Man Group will rock your world. Blow your mind. And unleash your spirit. As three bald and blue men explore our world, together we’ll discover music, laughter and surprises at every turn. By the end of this spectacular journey, you’ll be saying “I DON’T EVEN KNOW WHAT JUST HAPPENED BUT I LOOOVED IT.” 35 million people of all ages, languages and cultures have experienced the unexpected with Blue Man Group. Now it’s your turn to see what all the hype is about!

Segerstrom Center for the Arts is an acclaimed arts institution and as well as a beautiful multi-disciplinary cultural campus. It is committed to supporting artistic excellence on all of its stages, offering unsurpassed experiences, and to engaging the entire community in new and exciting ways through the unique power of live performance and a diverse array of inspiring programs.

Previously called the Orange County Performing Arts Center, Segerstrom Center is Orange County's largest non-profit arts organization. In addition to its six performance venues, Segerstrom Center is also home to the American Ballet Theatre William J. Gillespie School, where students ages 3 – 14 are taught by acclaimed teachers utilizing the renowned ABT National Training Curriculum in studios utilized by the world's greatest dancers and choreographers.

The Center presents a broad range of programming for audiences of all ages, including international ballet and dance, national tours of top Broadway shows, intimate performances of jazz and cabaret, contemporary artists, classical music performed by renowned chamber orchestras and ensembles, family-friendly programming, free performances open to the public from outdoor movie screenings to dancing on the plaza and many other special events.

The Center's arts-in-education programs are designed to inspire young people through the arts and reach hundreds of thousands of students each year. In addition to the presenting and producing institution Segerstrom Center for the Arts, the 14-acre campus also embraces the facilities of two independent acclaimed organizations: Tony Award®-winning **South Coast Repertory** and a site designated as the future home of the **Orange County Museum of Art**.

Segerstrom Center for the Arts is also proud to serve as the artistic home to three of the region's major performing arts organizations: **Pacific Symphony**, the **Philharmonic Society of Orange County** and the **Pacific Chorale**, who contribute greatly to the artistic life of the region with annual seasons at Segerstrom Center for the Arts.



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615 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa, CA
*Sensory-friendly performance

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May 2, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
May 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 & 3:30 p.m.

EXPLORER SERIES

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Blue Man Group

Segerstrom Hall
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Tickets and Renewals:

- In person - The Box Office
600 Town Center Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily
Online - SCFTA.org
Phone - (714) 556-2787
Open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily
Group Sales - (714) 755-0236

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