

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF MAGIC'S NEW 2012 TRAVELING MAGIC CAMP: GRAND RAPIDS

The American Museum of Magic is excited to bring its Camp Abracadabra to Grand Rapids this August. Like the Marshall-based camps that launched in 2011, the G.R. camp is for young people, ages 7 to 14, and will introduce participants to the wonders of magic. Campers will learn to perform illusions under the direction of professional magician, John Dudley.

The Grand Rapids camp is a collaborative project with the Grand Rapids Ballet Company (GRBC), where students will learn basic magic tricks, performance skills, as well as introduce campers to some of the great names and traditions in the history of this ancient art form. "The GRBC's educational programming and productions are exceptional, and we're excited to be partnering with such a prestigious organization," said Stacey Tvedten, museum program coordinator. Participants of the camp will receive three fun days of magic instruction and on the fourth and final day they will have the opportunity to perform for an audience of family and friends.

"Last summer's camps proved to be a tremendous success," said Abbie Albright, museum board member and originator of the camps. "We are building on that success by extending the length of the camps. Students who attended last year's camps will have the opportunity to learn new and more complicated material, as well." The magic camps are not only growing in duration, but also in geographical scope. In addition to Marshall and Grand Rapids, the program will expand throughout the state to include Ann Arbor and Battle Creek in the coming year.

This year's Grand Rapids camp will be held August 7–10 at Peter Martin Wege Theater, a Grand Rapids Ballet Company venue located downtown. The first three days, August 7, 8, and 9, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Day four of the camp, August 10, will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Camp tuition is \$95/camper and there is a discounted rate for families with multiple campers. Tuition covers hands-on instruction, activities, magic trick equipment, a camp logo T-shirt and refreshments. Registrations can be submitted online at americanmuseumofmagic.org or by phone at 269.781.7570.

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