OMAKPAC

# STAGE DOOR

Omak, Washington www.omakpac.com Late Summer/Fall 2026

## INTERNATIONAL TALENT TO KICK OFF PAC SEASON WITH COLOR, MUSIC & MOTION

**Jayanthi Raman Dance Group**
**Thursday, September 24, 7pm**
**Adults: $25, Students: $10**
**Up to 4 yrs: Free.**

Omak PAC coordinator Nicole Pearce is excited about the acts the PAC Foundation is bringing this season: “We open with Jayanthi Raman, a Pacific Northwest–based choreographer who blends classical Indian dance with modern storytelling, touring with dancers from her own company and from India. Her newest production flips tradition on its head: instead of graceful, gentle roles, women take the stage as warriors battling demons. Bold, empowering, and unforgettable.”

Raman is a dancer, choreographer and master artist who has a critically acclaimed and an extensive, impressive career spanning three decades. Using the Indian classical dance form Bharatha Natyam as the starting point for her exploration, she creates thought provoking work. Her contemporary approach to classicism is provocative in our cultural environment.

She worked hard to perform in proscenium theaters, become an educator of repute, and finally a cultural ambassador; creating a prominent and vital position for Bharatha Natyam and for herself in the world of dance. Her work sets her apart as a renowned and respected scholar of the art form.

## OKANOGAN VALLEY ORCHESTRA & CHORUS FALL CONCERT

**Saturday, October 17, 3pm - Adults: $15, 18 & under: Free.**

OVOC has inspired the community through the power of music since 1984. Its concert theme this season is “It’s About Time!”. The chorus will sing a variety of songs around the sub-theme “Dream Time.” The orchestra’s offerings will include works by Aaron Copland and Franz von Suppé. Then sit back for the medley piece “It’s About Time” showcasing popular classics like *Summertime* (George and Ira Gershwin), *As Time Goes By* (Herman Hupfeld, popularized by the classic film *Casablanca*) and the Cyndi Lauper hit *Time after Time*.

The orchestra and chorus rehearse on Mondays from 6-8pm in the Omak High School band and choir rooms and are open to all levels.

## CHILDREN'S DANCE THEATER: A RETURN TRIP TO WONDERLAND

**November 14, 6pm & 15, 3pm - Prices TBA**

Lorrie Fraley Wilson and Children's Dance Theater offer a holiday journey back to Alice's Wonderland - with a twist.

As "Miss Lorrie" enthusiastically puts it:

*"Alice, our heroine, at bedtime gathers her beloved books around her like a warm blanket, and falls into a deep sleep. She is stealthily approached by a creepy alliance of classic storybook scamps. Classic fiction ne'er-do-wells - the domineering Red Queen, the impish Peter Pan with his sidekick Tinker Bell plus his nemesis, Captain Hook, the eerie Cheshire cat, and others - nab her books and flee down a magical rabbit hole.*

*"Alice, aided by the White Rabbit, must get those books back or all the wondrous realms they describe will evaporate!"*

The show's score stitches together an array of fanciful selections to support the roller-coaster storyline; everything from *The King Under The Mountain* by Edvard Greig to Barnum and Bailey's circus themes.

Lorrie invites you to "...join us on the wild, crazy chase through Wonderland!"

## UPCOMING AUTUMN EVENTS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 7pm**
**Jayanthi Dance Company**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 3pm**
**OVOC Fall Show**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 6pm & SUNDAY 15, 3pm**
**Children's Dance Theater**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7pm**
**Omak High & Middle School Band & Chorus Concert**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 7pm**
**Paperboys**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 1pm**
**OVOC Holiday Show**

# THE OMAK PAC SEASON AHEAD

## NOVEMBER BRINGS OLD FRIENDS WITH NEW, RIVETING SOUNDS

**The Paperboys: Friday, November 20, 7pm**

No strangers to Omak (they even wrote a song called "Omak Hotel"), this internationally renowned band - dubbed the "Los Lobos of Canada" - fuses Celtic reels, Mexican son jarocho, bluegrass, and global folk into an irresistibly danceable mix.

Led by Tom Landa, Kalissa Landa, and Geoffrey Kelly, the band has been writing and touring together since the 1990s. They never use a set list - just one opening song, then they read the room and let the night unfold. Pure audience-performer magic.

## ...AND IN MARCH - MAGIC! COMEDY! CHAOS!

**Magician Eric Lecler: Friday, March 26, 7pm**

Purveyor of "feel-good magic for your brain", Eric's credits speak for themselves: host of three seasons of *Tricked* on Disney+, regular on *Brain Games*, two-time Canadian Magic Champion, star of Netflix's *Big Trick Energy*, the magician who fooled Penn & Teller on *Fool Us*, and a Guinness World Record holder for the largest online video chain of people performing a magic trick! Expect a night of fun, laughter, and wonder.

**Don't miss any of it — join us at the Omak Performing Arts Center this season.**

# PAC PARTNERS CREATE 2027 THEATER SUMMER CAMP

## Former OHS Theater Teacher & Student Join Forces to Inspire Area Kids

Coming June 2027: the PAC Foundation Board is partnering with the Omak Pioneer Players to bring back Summer Theatre Camp!

The last locally organized PAC camp was way back in 2010 with current PAC Coordinator Nicole Pearce as director and current PAC Technical Director Emma Andrews as a young, enthusistic camper. Years later, as professionals now working with the PAC, the two realized they shared the same dream of reviving the beloved summer theater program. The rest has taken off from there.

The details: A week-long camp for grades K–12, Monday June 21 through Friday June 25, 8am-3pm, with performances Friday the 25th and Saturday the 26th. Auditions and sign-ups happen in May.

Campers will mount a full musical with sets, costumes, props, sound, lights. But it's not just for actors. This a real production mounted onstage in the incredible Omak Performing Arts Center, a professional level facility. So every part of the production presents an opportunity - students can audition to perform or sign up for a production role instead (some roles have age limits, noted in the application).

The play title will be revealed soon!

**Follow OmakPAC on Facebook for updates. Adult help welcome to help plan and run camp. Email Nicole Pearce at Nicole.p.pearce@gmail.com.**

# MAGIC & MUSIC WITH PIONEER PLAYERS

The Omak Performing Arts Center's Technical Director Emma Andrews is guiding The Omak Pioneer Players Drama Club's 2026–2027 season's musical *Aladdin JR.* Auditions are in early October, with performances in early March at the PAC.

Drama Club will rehearse weekly to build singing, dancing, and acting skills. The Players are planning weekly musical screenings at the PAC, to watch and analyze classic musicals.

Emma and Lyn Pearce will offer music lessons for students to build on-stage confidence and prepare for opportunities like community theater auditions, All-State Choir, and Solo & Ensemble.

The Drama Club will visit Omak's North and East Elementary Schools to perform and answer younger students' questions about theater.

It takes a team! Adult volunteers can help with sets, music, rehearsals, and backstage work. Contact ehaeberle@omaksd.org.

***Emma & The Pioneer Players can't wait to share the magic of Aladdin JR!***

# AUDITION TO JOIN OVOC'S SNARKY OGRE AT THE PAC

Okanogan Orchestra and Chorus is bringing *Shrek, the Musical* to the PAC as their spring musical. All the beloved characters you know from the Oscar-winning Dreamworks Animation movie will come to life on stage.

OVOC musical veteran Nicole Pearce directs the tale of the ogre who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess. Throw in a short- tempered bad guy, a gingerbread man with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got a mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand...and his name is Shrek.

***Auditions: 10am, Saturday, November 7 at the Omak PAC. Roles range from leads Shrek, Fiona, and Donkey to a wide variety of supporting characters and fairy tale creatures.***

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# NOTE FROM NICOLE

## From Nicole Pearce, PAC Events Coordinator

The Omak PAC Foundation Board is dedicated to bringing live, world-class events to Okanogan County to view on our increible Performing Arts Center stage.

Every member of the Board strives to make sure that everyone has access to seeing these incredible shows. To help families who may not be able to afford tickets the Foundation began the Community Ticket Program last year and is excited to continue to offer this opportunity. Applications for free tickets can be found online leading up to each event at www.omakpac.org.

You can also reach out to the Omak PAC Foundation Board to donate towards the Community Ticket Program.

Don't miss this season's performance series. Come experience the magic of live entertainment at the Omak PAC!

# STAMPEDE PARADE GLORY!

The PAC Foundation gang pulled together an award winning Stampede Parade entry this year (and not for the first time!). Our Second Place winning theme was "Reach for the Stars" and featured a Board member's shiny green Ford Maverick truck covered in glittering stars.

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