

Teen troupe offers twist on 'Beanstalk'

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A classic fairy tale has a new twist thanks to 16-year-old Kara Roseborough of Evanston who wrote, directed and stars in "Janet and the Beanstalk" at 10 a.m. Saturdays July 14 through Aug. 4 at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.

"It's a 20-minute adaptation of the tale, 'Jack and the Beanstalk,'" Kara said. "I read many different versions, then I thought, 'How could this make sense in modern times? How could I change it and still make it recognizable?'"

Three actors perform in Kara's updated version. The other cast members are 15-year-old Rania Adamczyk of Lake Bluff (narrator, violinist and voice of mother and giantess) and 19-year-old Aubrey Marquez of Evanston (bean seller, Janet's brother and giant). The production is presented by Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre's Teen Drama Club Acting Ensemble.

The play is part of a free hour of entertainment where kids meet the actors, plant their own beanstalk, draw, paint and snack on popcorn and lemonade.

For details, call (847) 448-8254 or visit cityofevanston.org/fjtheatre.

Hans on deck

Speaking of fairy tales, an actor will use a rack of costumes and a trunk of props to bring to life four beloved tales when Bookworm Adventures presents Hans Christian Andersen from 2 to 2:45 p.m. July 19 at the Lake Forest Children's Library, 360 E. Deer-

path. Pick up free tickets starting at 1 p.m. that day.

For details, call (847) 234-0648 or visit lakeforestlibrary.org.

Folk favorite

Kids will dance and sing along when Laura Doherty presents a concert at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave. Her folk and pop tunes always make kids smile as do the puppet friends who join her on stage.

For details, call (847) 256-5025 or visit wilmette.lib.il.us.

Dancers will wow

Father and daughter dancers Mark and Isabel Denning of the Oneida Nation will demonstrate early and modern powwow dances at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian's building at 3009 Central St., Evanston, next to the museum. They will perform in full Native American regalia at this all-ages event. Admission is \$12, \$10 for museum members, which does not include admission to the museum.

For details, call (847) 475-1030 or visit mitchellmuseum.org.

Kids rock

Students from Evanston's Paul Green School of Rock will perform classic rock tunes from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Harbert Park, Dempster Street at McDaniel Avenue, Evanston. The free concert is part of the city's Starlight Concert Series.

For details, call (847) 448-8260 or visit cityofevanston.org/starlight.