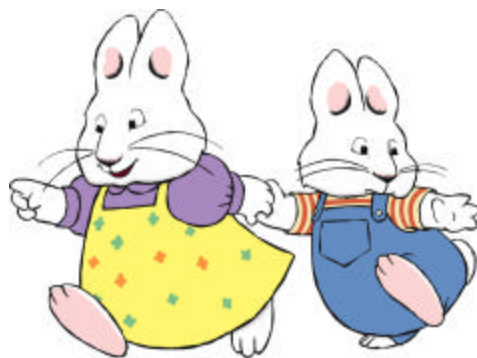


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# Press Release

Over 1500 Children Attend “Max and Ruby” at BCRAC Theatres

## February

Over 1500 area students attended BCRAC’s Schoolttime Series show, “Max & Ruby.” Performed locally by Theatreworks USA, the musical production of “Max and Ruby” was based on the series of books by Rosemary Wells and the popular television program on Nick Jr. and Noggin. Children from Wyalusing, Troy, Towanda, and as far away as Scranton, Pa visited the Keystone Theatre on Thursday. Additional students from Athens, Sayre, and Waverly, NY will attended two sold-out performances of “Max and Ruby” at the Sayre Theatre on Friday.

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Students were enchanted by the antics of Max under the sibling command of his older sister, Ruby. Children from the PreK-4 classroom at St. Agnes School were especially animated about the large blue tarantula inspired by Max’s imagination as Ruby reads a story to put Max to sleep. Delightful shrieks of pleasure arose from the children as the blue tarantula attempts to come to life through Ruby’s story. Becky Basse, their teacher reiterated the enjoyment the children experienced, “the children absolutely loved it.” She added, “the Schoolttime Series is important to our area, providing children the only place to see professional actors perform and bring these stories to life.”

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The Schoolttime Series brings two more shows to the area this school year. In April the National Players from the Washington DC area will return with Shakespeare’s “As You Like It.” The National Players have been appearing as part of the Schoolttime Series

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since 2000 and bring a high quality experience to students in grades 7-12 with their Shakespeare productions proving that the genius of William Shakespeare is both timeless and accessible to the modern ear. "As You Like It" will be performed on April 20 at the Keystone Theatre. Inventors and Inventions II, produced by the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble will be performed on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Keystone Theatre and May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Sayre Theatre. Tickets are still available for both of these groups.

The Schooltimes Series is presented locally by the Bradford County Regional Arts Council's Arts-In-Education program. The philosophy of BCRAC's Arts-in-Ed program states that "the arts are an essential form of communication; a powerful means of expression, and an integral part of all of our lives. Partnerships among the arts community, private industry, schools, and the community-at-large are critical for lifelong learning. For more information on the Schooltime Series program, contact Elaine Poost at 570.268.ARTS (2787) or visit us on the web at [www.bcrac.org](http://www.bcrac.org).

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