

Fairbanks Children's Theatre to present classic story to bush communities through April 1st

FAIRBANKS—"Reynard the Fox," a Fairbanks Children's Theater production, will be performed in 12 Alaskan villages next week by a group of adventurous local actors. The seven adult actors involved and their director, Mike Downing, a veteran of 11 previous tours, will be "vacationing" for 7 days in the bush, giving 15 performances and one workshop to village audiences.

This is the eleventh Fairbanks Children's Theater tour to the bush in the past 12 years. It is sponsored by the Fairbanks Drama Association, the Alaska State Council on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"Reynard the Fox" is an old story that has been told in different forms and different languages all over Europe ever since the Middle Ages. The Fairbanks group will be performing yet another version—an Alaskan "Reynard" using animal characters that should be very familiar to Alaskan children. It's the type of play that people of all ages can get involved in and "boo" the villainous fox if they like, much like a melodrama.

The schedule of performances is as follows. Don't miss the one in your area:

Sunday, March 26	Anaktuvuk Pass	2:00 p.m.
Monday, March 27	Barrow	10:00 a.m.
	Point Hope	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 28	Shishmaref	9:30 a.m.
	Nome	1:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 29	Unalakleet	10:00 a.m.
	St. Mary's	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 30	Bethel	9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
	Togiak	3:30 p.m.
Friday, March 31	Dillingham	10:00 a.m.
	Naknek	3:00 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 1	Tanana	2:00 p.m.

After the tour group returns home, there will be four performances at the Fairbanks North Star Borough Library, April 8 and 9, at 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.