

ADVENTURES WITH MR. BEAR – ARTS ON THE HORIZON

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Arts on the Horizon

The Lab at Convergence

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My daughters love to go see children's shows so we've made the rounds at many theatre companies in the DC area but Arts on the Horizon in Alexandria, Virginia is one that I recently learned about:

Arts on the Horizon is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a unique and specific focus of providing performances and education programs for young people ages 0 to 6 years old. We were the first theatre company in the country to focus our work solely on this age range.

Arts on the Horizon values intelligent, innovative, and original work for diverse young audiences that is accessible, affordable, inspiring and fun. We believe that the arts play an important role in the life of a child. Our interactive, nonverbal shows are performed by professional, adult actors.

When I found out that their December production was "Adventures with Mr. Bear" I knew that my littlest would love it and she definitely

did!



When we first arrived at the theatre we went to the “Adventure Prep” room and did some activities with Mae’s bear friend she brought along. They first tried on their adventure hats, then did some coloring, read a book, and had a tea party.



It was soon time to go into the theater for the show. The seating is mostly on the floor except for a few chairs along the back. The theatre is very small, so it's nice cozy environment for the little ones. I thought the set was really well done: simple with bright colors and fun toys.



As we waited a few minutes for everyone to get seated, we listened to the live music and played a little game of “eye-spy” with things on the set to keep Mae occupied.



Then it was time for the show to start:

One cozy winter afternoon, a young girl and her favorite stuffed animal, Mr. Bear, play a game of hide and seek which evolves into a series of exciting adventures. Together, they embark on a journey of endless possibilities – all from the comfort of her playroom!

The show was about 30 minutes long and was completely non-verbal, just live music accompanying the talented acting. I thought

that was so unique – we've never been to show like this one. I was surprised how attentive the children were with no words being spoken.

It is a really cute production and perfect for kids ages 2-5 years old. If you have the chance to go see a show, you should! I promise you won't be disappointed! Many weekend shows have already sold out but there are still tickets available for several of the weekday performances. You can purchase tickets [here](#).

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 1 at 10:30am (SOLD OUT)

Friday, December 2 at 10:30am (SOLD OUT)

Saturday, December 3 at 10am (SOLD OUT)

Saturday, December 3 at 11:30am (SOLD OUT)

Tuesday, December 6 at 10:30am**

Wednesday, December 7 at 10:30am*

Thursday, December 8 at 10:30am (SOLD OUT)

Friday, December 9 at 10:30am**

Saturday, December 10 at 10am (SOLD OUT)

Saturday, December 10 at 11:30am (SOLD OUT)

Tuesday, December 13 at 10:30am

Wednesday, December 14 at 10:30am

Thursday, December 15 at 10:30am**

Friday, December 16 at 10:30am (SOLD OUT)

Saturday, December 17 at 10am (SOLD OUT)

Saturday, December 17 at 11:30am

Arts on the Horizon has an exciting 2016-2017 schedule! See the upcoming productions [here](#).