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## Reach for the STARS, Vail Valley

STARS (Support The Arts Reaching Students) series is underway at the Vilar Performing Arts Center in Vail Valley

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VAIL VALLEY, Colorado – The 2009-10 winter season at the Vilar Performing Arts Center in Colorado's Vail Valley was announced last week, but the STARS (Support The Arts Reaching Students) series is already underway. Oct. 5 marked the first performance of the daytime children's series with Childsplay's production of Peter and the Wolf. Nearly 1,000 Eagle County students attended the shows.

“The STARS series is one of our most popular community programs,” said Theater Executive Director Kris Sabel. “We've presented a handful of daytime shows each year we've been open, and thanks to support from public and private entities, we're now able to offer the performances for free and reimburse the school district for the transportation costs.”

The 2009-10 STARS program is supported financially by Pat and Peter Frechette, Alpine Bank, Vail Resorts and the Vilar Center Guild, who purchased copies of the book “A Year With Frog and Toad” for students to read in conjunction with a performance scheduled for February 2010.

Monday's show also marked the first time students from The Magic Bus pre-school program were in the audience. The Magic Bus is a joint effort between the Vail Valley Foundation and the Vail Youth Foundation to provide a quality pre-kindergarten curriculum to Eagle County students without access to pre-school facilities.

The Center's 2009-2010 STARS series continues with Charlotte's Web on Dec. 16, Andrew Clements' Frindle on Jan. 8, A Year with Frog and Toad on Feb. 11 and Nate the Great on April 15.

For more information about youth programming at the Vilar Performing Arts Center, call the box office at 970-845-TIXS (8497) or visit [www.vilarpac.org](http://www.vilarpac.org)

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