

30 years of youthful activity

Phila. International Children's Festival marks a milestone.

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The Philadelphia International Children's Festival continues its celebration of a milestone through Sunday, marking its 30th anniversary with theatrical performances, interactive outdoor activities, juggling and more at Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts.

The festival, designed to introduce young audiences to live performance, features six productions throughout the weekend. Australia's Patch Theatre Company and the PA Performing Arts for Young Audiences Inc. team up to co-present *Me and My Shadow*, about a girl who tries to befriend her own shadow. Other stage performances include *Simple Gifts* by the Cashore Marionettes, *The Ugly Duckling* and *The Tortoise & the Hare* by Lightwire Theater/Corbican Visual Arts and Dance, Gale LaJoy's *Snowflake*, *The Snail and the Whale* by Tall Stories, and *We Shall Not Be Moved: the Hip Hop Opera Project*, by Opera Philadelphia and Art Sanctuary.

Saturday and Sunday, step into the festival Fun Zone on the An-



Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Philadelphia International Children's Festival at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts.

nenberg's outdoor plaza with the Give & Take Jugglers, balloon-twister par excellence Chuck Walker, master percussionist Joe Tayoun and Rhythmic Friends, the Nelly Berman School of Music, and DJ Dave Cornwell spinning the grooves.

The 30th Philadelphia International

Children's Festival begins 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday and continues at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, 3680 Walnut St. Purchase tickets — \$10 Friday, \$12 Saturday and Sunday — at www.annenbergcenter.org or at the box office. Fun Zone activities are free to festival ticket holders. 215-898-3900.

