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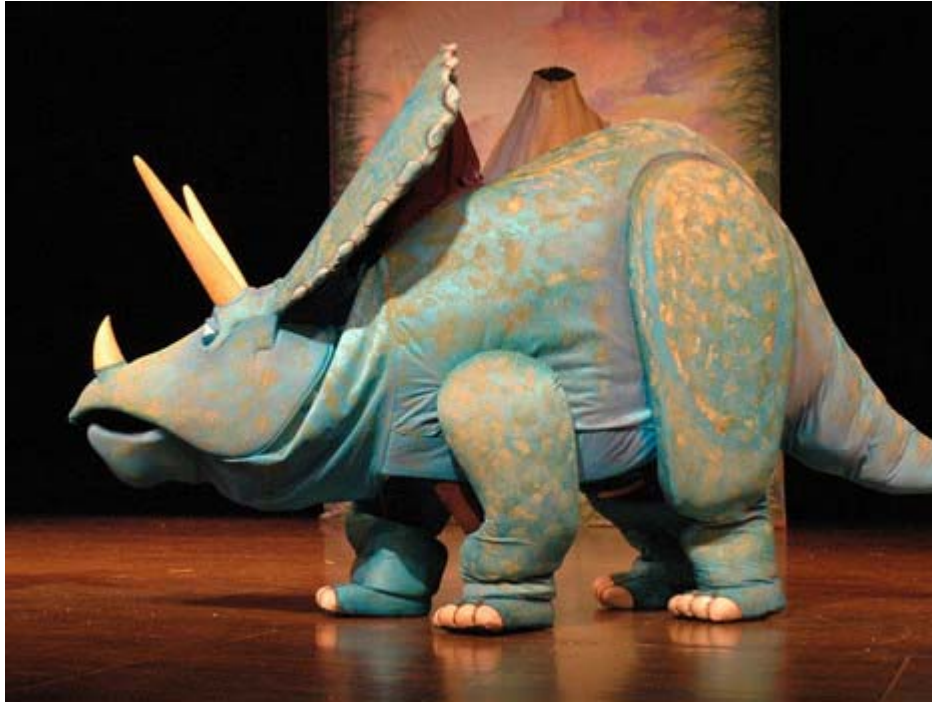
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# ***Arts & Events***

## Prehistoric musical for kids SINGING AND DANCING IN THE AGE OF THE DINOSAURS

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*Singing and dancing in  
the age of the  
dinosaurs*

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Give your kids a chance to explore our prehistoric roots, enjoying some musical entertainment geared for kids during the age of the dinosaurs.

"The Mammoth Follies" will offer some kid-friendly singing and dancing at The [College of Staten Island \(CSI\)](#) on November 4 in the Center for the Arts.

"Participate in an exceptionally exhilarating experience. The Mammoth Follies lures audiences with a charming rendition of a pre-historic musical. Through one-of-a-kind songs, and original choreography, watch as more than 20 dinosaur puppets come to life," adds the [CSI](#) web site.

**When:** The Mammoth Follies performance will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Center for the Arts (CFA) Williamson Theatre.

**How much:** Tickets are \$15 and \$12, and can be purchased in person, by phone, by mail, and online through the CFA Box Office, 2800 Victory Boulevard, 1P-113, Staten Island.

**Hours to purchase tickets:** Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm; Saturday, noon to 3:00pm; 718.982.ARTS (2787).

Enjoy prehistoric times with "The Mammoth Follies." [CSI](#) adds, "Watch and explore the wonders of evolution in an old-fashioned revue of original songs, witty jokes, and earth-shattering dance moves performed live on stage."

Featuring an ensemble cast of well-trained performers, child educators, puppeteers, choreographers, and art designers, this "musical dramatizes historic and scientific facts (as well as some myths) about the great age of the dinosaur," according to [CSI](#).

The cast includes Willie Mammoth, Smiley the Saber-Toothed Tiger, Bessie the 27-foot-long Apatosaurus, Tony and Trixie Triceratops, Terry the Pterodactyl, and Rex the 11-foot-tall Tyrannosaurus. "The Mammoth Follies will astonish and inspire families and people of all ages. Crowds will leave both entertained and educated," adds a [CSI](#) statement.

Hudson Vagabond Puppets (HVP), incorporated in 1980 as a not-for-profit company, creates larger-than-life puppetry and mask programs designed to fit into the school curriculum as well as to entertain children and their families. HVP performers are professional dancers and actors. "Clad in black, the puppeteers borrow from the traditional Japanese Bunraku style of puppetry, becoming mere shadows of the enormous figures they bring to life, according to the [CSI](#) web site.

From 1984 to 1998, The Mammoth Follies was performed for audiences all over the country, and in a variety of prestigious venues such as the BAM Opera House. "For nearly 14 years, it was thought that The Mammoth Follies was extinct. Then on February 18, 2012, HVP decided to bring the show back to life, completely renovating the production of this wildly popular and thoroughly educational musical," adds [CSI](#). So Staten Island families and classes, take a trip to [CSI](#) with your kids to see what the land of the dinosaurs might be like, if the mammoth creatures could sing and dance and entertain in a language geared entirely for youngsters.