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Families Invited to Carve Pumpkins After Enjoying an Original Musical with an Unforgettable Message of Hope

**After Successful Runs in New York City and Denver,
The Pumpkin Kid Returns to the Historic Elitch Theatre for
Six Shows Only**

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Two weekends only, October 3–11, 2026. A touching family musical, live band and one-of-a-kind pumpkin carving experience come together on one of Denver’s most historic stages.

DENVER, CO — September 9, 2026 — Following a successful Denver debut, *The Pumpkin Kid* returns for its second year with a new home and an even more magical setting: **Historic Elitch Theatre**, Denver’s legendary 1891 theatre in the Highlands. The limited engagement will run for six performances over two weekends, October 3–11, 2026.

A toe-tapping 40-minute musical fable for families, *The Pumpkin Kid* combines live theatre and music with an optional, hands-on 30-minute pumpkin carving experience following the show.

First presented at **Soho Playhouse in New York City**, *The Pumpkin Kid* features book, music and lyrics by Jeff LaGreca and Suzanne Slade and is based on the children’s book by LaGreca and local artist Barry Brown.

A Little Light Can Change Everything

The Pumpkin Kid follows an orphan who arrives in town with a wagon full of misshapen pumpkins and encounters three unhappy neighbors: a surly blacksmith, a disillusioned woodcarver and an embittered tailor.

Each lends him a discarded tool—a battered saw, a broken spoon and a twisted hat pin. With these unlikely instruments, the Pumpkin Kid creates carvings that transform even the most cracked and ruined of hearts.

At its heart, *The Pumpkin Kid* is a story about **kindness, forgiveness, redemption and hope**.

“It’s a beautiful story for all ages about what happens when we look beyond the cracks in ourselves and in each other,” says writer and director **Jeff LaGreca**. “Sometimes, a tiny pinhole is all it takes for the light to find its way in.”

A New Home on a Very Old Stage

For its second Denver season, *The Pumpkin Kid* moves to **Historic Elitch Theatre**, 4600 W. 37th Place. Built in 1891 and closely connected to the history of the original Elitch Gardens, the theatre is one of Denver’s most storied cultural landmarks.

“There’s something wonderfully fitting about bringing *The Pumpkin Kid* to Historic Elitch Theatre,” says co-writer **Suzanne Slade**. “Staging the show right on its historic stage—with the audience becoming part of the experience—makes it feel as though we’re inviting families into a little bit of that community and magic.”

A New Cast, With Some Familiar Faces

Returning cast members **Jane Curry, Karey Montoya-James, Bryan Plummer** and **Rob Utesch** will be joined by **Stephen Bertles** as Bartolo, **David Hintz** as the Blacksmith, **Annie Dwyer** as the Woodcarver, **Julia Schorger** as the Baker and **Graham Bercerra** as the Farmboy.

The production is directed by New York theatre veteran **Jeff LaGreca** (*The Android’s New Soul, Maude Carpenter’s The Thing, Minimum Wage*), with musical direction by **Suzanne Slade** and choreography by **Nick Sugar**.

Carve Your Own Pumpkin After the Show

Following each performance, families can opt into the **Pumpkin Kid Carving Experience**, where audience members join the cast and Master Pumpkin Carver Bartolo to create their own *Pumpkin Kid*-inspired jack-o’-lantern.

The experience includes **a hand-selected carving pumpkin, exclusive Pumpkin Kid carving tool, Official Pumpkin Kid Pattern Book, carving tips and tricks, and a festive photo opportunity with the Pumpkin Kid**.

Whether you’re a seasoned pumpkin carver or simply looking for a memorable autumn experience, the Pumpkin Kid Carving Experience turns the story into something families can create and enjoy together.

***The Pumpkin Kid* — Performance Information**

Historic Elitch Theatre | 4600 W. 37th Place | Denver, CO 80212

2026 Dates

Saturday, October 3 — 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 4 — 1 p.m.

Saturday, October 10 — 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 11 — 1 p.m.

Show Only: \$20 | Show + Pumpkin Carving Experience: \$45

Limited carving supplies available.

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