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# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## The Legend of the Boy Zorro

The key to any production of Zorro is the man behind the mask. In the case of El Zorrito, Northwest Children's Theater and School was incredibly fortunate to find Michael Kepler Meo.

Meo, 13, has performed as a principal singer in eight fully-staged opera productions which



include companies in Portland, Houston, St. Louis, Wexford (Ireland), Los Angeles, and New York.

He was the perfect fit for the infamous "Masked Fox" in El Zorrito: The Legend of the Boy Zorro! opening Saturday, May 5 with multiple shows throughout the month of May at the NW Neighborhood Cultural Center, 1819 N.W. Everett St.

For tickets, call 503-222-4480 or visit nwcts.org.

El Zorrito: The Legend of Boy Zorro comes to life in a Northwest Children's Theater and School production.

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Enjoy some safe and supervised fun at the Oregon Zoo on Oregon Safe Kids Day, Saturday, May 5 at the zoo.

## Safety is the Word

### Zoo teams up for Safe Kids Day

Parents, caregivers and children will get the opportunity to learn about safety through interactive exhibits, prizes, safety tips and hands-on activities on Oregon Safe Kids Day, Saturday, May 5 at the Oregon Zoo.

"Oregon is famous for its summer recreational opportunities, and we want children to have a safe and active summer," said Krista Swan, zoo event coordinator. "We're partnering with our local Safe Kids coalition again this year because they present critical childhood safety information in a way that is fun and engaging for the kids."

This year's theme is "Play Safe, Ride Safe, Be Safe." Exhibits and activities will focus on taking simple steps to prevent injuries this summer, like wearing bicycle

helmets and life jackets, and emphasizing the need for constant supervision of children around water.

A dozen safety stations around the zoo will comprise a "safety safari." Stations will provide tips on water, poison, transportation, helmet and fire safety. Everyone who completes the safari will receive a safety-related prize.

At the water safety station, kids will learn the importance of wearing life jackets around rivers and streams. Ocean safety will also be touched upon, as kids learn about the dangers of sneaker waves and logs, and why they should always keep an eye on the ocean.

Oregon Safe Kids Day at the zoo takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is free with regular zoo admission.