Greetings, High Schoolers! February 2020

Here we are in February of yet another New Year. Winter winds, swirling snowflakes, and low temperatures. BUT, yes it’s time to announce that this summer the core of our July *Theatre & Kids Starlight Summer Show Camp* will be the Broadway Super Soul Musical delight

***THE WIZ!*** – a musical that takes the classic tale of *The Wizard of Oz* and makes it something brand new. Great costumes and sets, unforgettable songs and dances, and MANY wild characters. And because it’s fantasy, most roles can be male or female performers!

In rolling all of our previous summer activities into one fun-filled ball for the last three years, we have been able to accomplish so much in only three short weeks. We continue our beloved openings and closings complete with bring-in days, games, prize baskets, team building, and freeze pops! We feature ten varied electives including favorites like Street Funk, Production Number, Improvisation, Theatre & Kids Idol, and Scene-work. And yes*, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders* have the special pleasure of being Apprentices and being able to be IN the shows and yet also aides in electives, assistants in rehearsals, leaders of games, and performers in our special Staff-Apprentice Talent Show – *and* make **that All-Day Trip to NYC and Broadway**. All at a low, discounted price of $725, $150 below that of our campers.

Then there were our glorious productions of **The Music Man, The Little Mermaid,** and **Annie!,**… WOW! For the first, seventy young people in over 300 period costumes on a grand stage brought the music of Meredith Willson to vivid life. In the second we went ‘”Under the Sea” for a fantasy extravaganza: the songs and dances, the sets and staging, and the astonishing TALENT! And *Annie*! took us to NYC in the Depression where the sun DID come out tomorrow as promised! Our large, enthusiastic audiences were delighted and so was each performer, from the third graders to the high school seniors. Everyone danced, sang, created characters, grew in their abilities and experience, and made lots of good friends.

For Year Four of Starlight, we are doing our second T&K production of **The Wiz!** One of Broadway’s biggest hit and thrilling again in movie and live TV versions, it retells the story of Dorothy and her journey over the rainbow. . Songs like “Ease on Down the Road” “Home,” Everybody Rejoice, “ and “No Bad News” are theatre favorites and featured roles are varied and abundant: Dorothy and her three friends, the Wiz, three witches, crows, farmers, monkeys, a live Yellow brick Raod, Aunt Em and Uncle Henry, models, poppies, along with Munchkins, Winkies, and Ozians, each with their own distinct music and costumes. AMAZING!

Sooooo, enclosed you will find our flyer for the summer along with registration forms. We urge our high schoolers to look them over, talk about this with your family, and to sign up soon. Last year we were full up in APRIL and had to say no to a number of interested students. With word of mouth spreading on the coolness of our Starlight program, spots will fill in quickly. Questions? Send them our way. Suggestions? We’re good listeners. Registrations? A delight to our hearts. Oh, and check out our updated web site – theatreandkids.org – lots of cool pics and surprises. Also, camp brochures, applications, and more details.

For over three decades, the Liegels and Theatre & Kids have delighted in providing exciting opportunities for area young people. This summer it’s MUCH more of the same!

Your friends. Will and Suzy Liegel