

The world still continues to be a bit odd with Covid interrupting so many of our normal habits. However, despite the troubles of the past two years, last summer we had our camp and it was a blast. We shared the **classic Pirates of Penzance** and truly, a great time was had by all. Now it is time to open the doors to Camp 2022. WONDERFUL!!!

It is our pleasure to announce that this year our camp will run from **July 11 – 30 and Theatre & Kids Starlight Summer Show Camp will be mounting the Broadway and Film sensation OLIVER! jr** – Winner of 6 Academy Awards and 3 Tony awards, this amazing adaptation of Charles Dicken's *Oliver Twist* is perfect for T&K. Great roles, amazing story, Victorian sets and costumes, AND a chorus of orphan boys and girls with MANY numbers will be a delight. The "jr" version is only slightly adapted script-wise and is still stellar

In rolling all of our previous summer activities into one fun-filled ball for three summers now, **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, Tap, Mask-making, and Scene-work. We hope to have our special Road Show performers again and lots of other surprises as the camp days flow merrily one into another. Our Apprentice program will stretch our high schoolers and there will be the talent showcase and theatre trip to NYC.

Then there were our glorious productions of **The Music Man, The Little Mermaid, and Annie!** WOW! Each featured over 300 period costumes, elaborate sets and staging, and polished music and dancing. Our large 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. And then last year's **PIRATES OF PENZANCE** wowed audiences as only a great operetta can – our Maidens, Pirates and Police were glorious!

As far as this year, **OLIVER! jr** is our terrific choice. One of the few musicals to win an Academy Award, it takes us to Victorian London and the world of the orphan Oliver. Leaving the workhouse, he falls in with the Artful Dodger and the mysterious Fagan and a gang of street urchins adept at picking pockets. And so many songs for that gang – "Food Glorious Food," "I'd Do Anything," "Gotta Pick a Pocket," "Hurry Up and Be Back Soon," along with the famous "Where is Love?" Then There Nancy, Bill Sykes, Mr. Bumble, the Sourberrys, Widow Cornay, and lots more roles to fill. Perfect!

Sooooo, **enclosed you will find our flyer for the summer along with registration forms**. We urge our campers to look them over, talk about this with your family, and to sign up soon. Usually we are full up around April, though Covid has stretched that a bit. In year's past, we have had to say no to a number of interested students so you don't want to wait too long. Now after a strange two years and everyone eager to get back together AND word of mouth spreading on the coolness of our program, spots could again 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, camp brochures, applications, and more details. **And some really good news... our prices are almost the same as last year at only \$900 for the three weeks (\$750 for our Apprentice program).**

DO TAKE NOTE that we will be adhering to changing **COVID GUIDELINES** of the North Penn District. However, the Liegels run a 300-person K – 12 school, 5-days per week, in-person for the last two years, we know how to deal with protocols. And last year at camp was mask optional! **We will work for the safety and happiness of all of our campers.**

For almost four decades, the Liegels and Theatre & Kids have delighted in providing exciting opportunities for area young people. This summer, after seasons of challenges, it's time to get back together to delight in the joy and wonder of live theatre. Come join us!!!

Your friends. Will and Suzy Liegel