



Educating and inspiring community youth and adults in music, theatre, and life, from the perspective of master teachers, and from the heart.

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Olympia Musical Theater

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performances, vocal and musical, delightful.

One of the fun aspects of the show was that so many visitors to downtown Olympia, some staying at the nearby hotels, came by for the performances. What a great memory of their stay in our beautiful city! And locals who had not attended OMT shows before added their names to our mailing list and vowed to return for future shows.

Look for picnic theater to come again this year.

Here are some dates to remember:

Introducing: **PICNIC THEATER!!!!**

As the first pleasant breezes of spring replace the cold, snowy messes of the past few weeks, we are looking ahead to our coming events for this year.

First, a look back. OMT ended its summer season with a successful new concept at the Port Plaza in Olympia. *Triumph of Love* was enjoyed by several hundred people over the three night run. Audience members brought their lawn chairs and their blankets as well as their picnic baskets and enjoyed an engaging performance of this funny period piece featuring romance, mistaken identities, intrigue, and happy endings. The weather was perfect and the

First Picnic Theater of the Year Three Days of Peace and Love: Homage to Woodstock and *Hair*

May 17th, 18th, 19th, at the Port, at dusk

Songs for a New World

July 25, 26, 27, 28, at the Port, at dusk

Grand Night For Singing

August 1, 2, 3, 4, at the Port, at dusk



themes will be music from your favorite musical theatre works.

Rehearsals for each group will be held at The Olympia Center 222 Columbia St.NW, Olympia 98501. For more information contact Bobbe Murray . Come join us! If you love to sing you'll love singing with OMT! <bobbemm@gmail.com>

Why Your Donations Matter

Olympia Musical Theater is a small arts organization in Olympia, but we are resilient and we have an impact across multiple venues in the South Sound. Our concerts and performances bring youth and adult choral voices to all parts of our community. We are an integral part of the arts experience, and simply put, the arts are essential to the proper functioning of our society. We continue to provide both adult choral concerts and the Kids in Concert presentations in multiple venues throughout the community.

The arts continue to demonstrate their ability to provide categorical evidence of their impact on social issues that concern virtually every facet of American society. The arts are especially important for our children. Students with an arts rich education:

- Have better grade point averages
- Score better on standardized tests in reading and math
- Have lower dropout rates

Sadly, funding for arts education programs in schools is being cut back or eliminated. Many arts organizations have had to make drastic reductions in hours and offer fewer productions each season. Through Kids in Concert and our adult choir, we empower our singers to achieve their highest musical potential and to understand their equal responsibility to give back to their community through music and the Arts.

Olympia Musical Theater depends on donations from community members who place a value on the arts and just simply like to hear music and singing!

Do you love to sing?

The Olympia Musical Theatre is currently rehearsing for Kids in Concert (KIC) and its adult singing group the OMT Singers under the direction of Troy Arnold Fisher. If you, or someone you know, love to sing, watch for details about our fall session of KIC and OMTS.

This spring for "Three Days of Peace & Music" we have 48 adults joining in song every Tuesday evening. KIC has had 17 and together we make amazing music. Come join us in September. No auditions, everyone is welcome. Scholarships are available.

KIC, an All-City youth show-choir for ages 8-18, meets Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00pm-7:30pm. KIC performs for major civic events and during the holiday season, featuring high quality pop and show music. Tuition for KIC is \$500 for the school year.

The OMT Singers, an adult show-choir meets Tuesdays , 7:30pm-9:00pm. Tuition is \$100 for the spring session /January – May. OMT Singers

You can find out more about us at our website (olympiamusicaltheater.org) where you can make a donation or get in touch if you would like to find out more about our singing groups.

Please think about making a donation to our programs – it's easy and you'll be a supporter of great music in our community.

Add your voice! You can find us at our website: www.olympiamusicaltheatre.org.



OMT singers doin' what they love most!



And A Word From One Of Our Supporters



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The underwater treadmill:

- Provides healthy, non-weight bearing exercise
- Assists in pre and post-surgical rehabilitation
- Assists in arthritis, dysplasia, and other joint and muscle issues
- Promotes flexibility and range of motion
- Reduces stress
- Provides safe exercise for geriatric and weight loss patients

Massage:

Ideal for any stage of recovery, massage affects every system in the body and supports homeostasis or balance of these body systems. Using techniques designed for rehabilitation, massage helps relieve pain and stress following surgery or an injury and assists in tissue repair. Massage is a gentle means to increase mobility, reduce anxiety, and increase circulation and reduce pain.

Our rehabilitative care benefits post-surgery recovery, joint and muscle conditions such as arthritis, geriatric mobility issues, safe weight loss, and strength and flexibility maintenance.

Locally (and women!) owned and operated, Savanna and Dana have a combined 15 years of working in rehabilitative veterinary care. Please visit our website at fourpawsrehab.com, check out our Facebook page, or give us a call at 360 753-7297. We look forward to hearing from you!

KIC's Graduating Seniors

Logan Ratliff Lifelong Singer



Logan Ratliff would be the first to tell you that friends bring us the best gifts in life. His friend Noah invited him to sing with Olympia's Kids in Concert and Logan has cherished every minute of it!

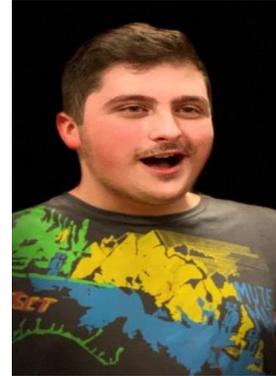
From the start, Logan so appreciated Troy Fisher. Over the past 3 years Troy has encouraged and inspired him. According to Logan's mom Heather, his experience at KIC and with Troy, "Has brought out the best in her son and has helped him to learn and grow by leaps and bounds."

The KIC trip to Disneyland, participation in NATS, and singing with the Panorama choir have been some highlights of Logan's time with Kids in Concert. His musical experiences have allowed him to be the Youth Worship Leader in his church. He plans to continue his musical studies at SPSCC and use his music in a future career. This wonderful young man has such a bright future! Congratulations Logan on all of his great accomplishments!



Celebrating them Before We Say Goodbye

Noah Halter A Senior Star



Noah Halter has been a member of Kids In Concert for 5 years. He started when he was only 13 years old because a classmate of his, Skylar Zimmerman invited him to come. He found that he immediately appreciated Troy Fisher, the director of Kids In Concert, for his great insight about many things. He always felt that he wanted to pay attention so that he didn't miss out on any of Troy's wisdom. Noah feels that Troy and KIC has encouraged him to further pursue music and has greatly helped him to understand what he is singing.

Noah felt that KIC has been such a great experience that has allowed him to learn and be challenged musically. He met one of his challenges a few years ago when he competed in NATS and received an honorable mention. He felt that the whole thing was a great experience over all.

Noah has loved singing with so many different generational groups at Panorama and he his fondest memory of being in KIC was the group's trip to Disneyland.

This impressive young man plans to go to college where he plans to go into pastoral and worship studies. He would like to be a worship pastor. What a lucky congregation he will have some day! Congratulations to this wonderful senior!

< *Logan, Noah and their KIC colleagues!*

And Honoring Our Adult Singers Too!!

Liz Clement
Life Long Performer



When she was eleven and auditioned for and got the part of Susan in “Miracle on 34th Street” Liz knew that doing theater was her thing, and that she had found home among the diverse group of people who came together to tell stories that mattered. And from that point on Liz has made it a point to be part of community theatre when and where ever she can. She appeared in many community and regional theatre productions in and around Chattanooga TN, where she grew up.

Liz’s first encounter with OMT came in December 2017 when she happened to be ushering at the SPS Minnaert Center for a holiday concert by the SPS Community Orchestra that included Kids in Concert. Several OMT Board members were staffing a table that evening and we were collecting email addresses for our mailing list. New to Olympia, Liz was very excited to discover us, and we her. The next month she was singing with the OMT Singers and has performed with us ever since.

Liz currently works as a policy analyst for the WA State Department of Health. She and her wonderful son moved to Olympia from Alaska in August 2017. In Alaska, Liz sang with various choirs, taught dance, performed, and tech crewed extensively with local theaters whenever she could - but had basically taken a break while her son was young. Olympia is a good place for Liz since she enjoys walking in the woods and loves kayaking. Several months after she joined the OMT Singers she happened to visit the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation and was pleasantly surprised to discover Troy was the musical director

there and many of her acquaintances from OMTS sang in the choir. Liz joined the OUUC Choir and recently, accompanied by Troy, she sang a solo at a Sunday service. Needless to say the congregation was quite impressed.

And we’re delighted that Liz is excited enough about OMT and all we do that she is considering a position on our board of directors. Yeah for Liz, we’re delighted to have her knowledge, talent and enthusiasm as part of OMT.

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If you know someone else who would like to know about coming events and exciting activities, we would love to add them to our mailing list as well. Forward this issue to them and tell them that getting added to our mailing list is as easy as an email or a phone call:

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