

Greetings, High Schoolers!

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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 Classic **ANNIE!** – a musical that takes place in wind, snow and cold! Merry Christmas! But assuredly, the sun WILL come out tomorrow!

In rolling all of our previous summer activities into one fun-filled ball for the last two 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, \$160 below that of our campers.

Then there were our glorious productions of **The Music Man** and **The Little Mermaid...** WOW! For the first, sixty 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! 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 Three of Starlight, we are doing our first T&K production of **ANNIE!**. One of Broadway's biggest hits, running for years and winning numerous awards, it tells the story of Little Orphan Annie and her life of sadness then success. Songs like “Tomorrow,” “Hard Knock Life,” “Little Girls,” and “NYC” are theatre favorites and featured roles are abundant. Slight changes in the story will also allow that EVERYONE in the cast will be on stage a LOT.

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.

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