

Greetings, Camper Families!

February 2023

What is it with a winter with no snow? NONE! I have often written our upcoming camp letter on a February snow day with a hot cup of cocoa at my side. Well, no snow, so I'll just warm up the cocoa and get the letter out on a sunshiny day. It's time to welcome you to the wonderful world of Show Camp 2023. Here we go!

It is our pleasure to announce that this year our camp will run from **July 10 – 29** and that **Theatre & Kids Starlight Summer Show Camp will be mounting the Broadway sensation R+H Cinderella!** This version arrived to New York City a decade ago and was nominated for 9 Tony Awards and 6 Golden Globes. This is perfect show for T&K: great roles, amazing story, fantasy sets and costumes, AND a great chorus who get to be both peasants *and* royalty. The great songs from the TV classic are all there – “My Own Little Corner,” “The Prince Is Giving a Ball,” “Impossible,” and more. These are joined by new ones from the beautiful Rodgers and Hammerstein catalog. The new script also allows for super added roles for men with an orphaned prince who is running the kingdom, a wicked Prime Minister with evil intentions, and a rebel in love with a not-so-wicked stepsister.

In rolling all of our previous summer activities into one fun-filled ball for five summers now, **we have really learned how to accomplish much in only three short weeks.** We continue our beloved openings and closings paired with bring-in days, games, prize baskets, team building - and freeze pops! We feature twelve varied electives including favorites like Street Funk, Production Number, Improvisation, Theatre & Kids Idol, Irish Step, Mask-making, Puppetry, Stage Combat, and Scene-work. We will have special performers and teachers again and lots of other surprises as the camp days flow merrily one into another. Our Apprentice program will stretch our high schoolers and, of course, there will be the talent showcase and a theatre trip to NYC.

Then there were our glorious productions of **Music Man, Little Mermaid, Pirates of Penzance, and Annie!** WOW! Each featured up to 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 made good friends. And then last year's **OLIVER!** wowed audiences as only a Broadway classic can – Dickens' Pickpockets, Londoners, and Orphans were glorious!

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 and sadly have had to say no to a number of interested students, so you don't want to wait too long. After a strange two years everyone is eager to fully get back together AND word of mouth continues to spread on the coolness and kid-centeredness of our program. Spots could again fill in quickly.

Questions? Please send them our way.

Suggestions? Let's hear them. 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 \$925 for the three weeks (\$775 for our Apprentice program).**

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

Your friends. *Will and Suzy Liegel*