

# 'Unicorns really are real'

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Ever heard of the smash hit show "Unicorns Really are Real: The Story of How They Save the Earth from Global Warming"? Not yet, perhaps. It just debuted in Sisters last Friday.

It was all part of Starshine Theater's debut theater camp. Director Jennie Sharp, known locally for the winter kids' performances she directs in Camp Sherman, saw a need for hands-on theater experience in Sisters Country. Options in Bend often present traditional shows in classes that go on for weeks or months.

Starshine uses a different model: kids explore and invent their own characters, assemble their own costumes, and help shape the show. It all takes place in five short days.

Students registered through Sisters Park & Recreation District. They rehearsed four days in a row at The Belfry, during their three-hour-long camp. They invented their characters and some plot points on the first day.

Then Sharp set about writing a script for them.

"I had a great time!" she said.

She said it was hard to fit so many characters into one play, but she had fun meeting the challenge. Sharp narrated the plot over a microphone, and helped kids remember their lines off-mic.



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Young actors took to the Songbird Stage at Fir Street for the debut of Starshine Theater.

"We have a big range of ages," said Sharp.

The group accepted kids aged 4 to 8. Next week, Starshine will work with older kids in the 8-to-13 age bracket. They will create their own original show with Sharp's guidance.

The public is invited to come see their performance free of charge on Friday, August 2 at 3 p.m. The play, as yet unnamed, will take place on the Songbird Stage at Fir Street Park.

Starshine will have some chairs available, but suggests that audiences bring their own chairs and sun protection. The show lasts about half an hour; the park's splash pad fountains will be turned off during this time. Fir Street Park is located at the corner of Fir

and Main, one block north of Cascade Avenue/Highway 20.

Sharp thanked The Belfry, SPRD, and the City of Sisters "for providing this amazing stage." She also thanked middle-school student Addison Russell for her volunteer work as the camp's stage manager, and local resident Rich Hummel for providing the sound system.

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# Skillethead to play Sisters garden benefit

The Sisters Community Garden is hosting their 4th annual "Music in the Garden" on Monday, August 12.

This popular event has become an enjoyable way to savor the garden's rich environment and a way for our gardeners and public to give back to the community of Sisters.

This year the musical headliner will be Skillethead, a local bluegrass

quartet that will entertain from 6 to 8 p.m.

A non-perishable food item or cash/check donation will get you into an evening of great music; with all donations benefiting Habitat for Humanity and the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank. Light snacks and lemonade are served; bring your own chair and your beverage of choice.

For more information contact Lisa at 541-390-9025.



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Local bluegrass outfit Skillethead will play in the garden.

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