

CROW's Advanced Acting Students to perform comedic one-act plays Aug. 18-20

Starting this week, a brand new session of Children Repertory of Oregon Workshops' (CROW) Advanced Acting Program is in session, and many of the students have already admitted that they are both "excited and nervous."

There is something very special about this two-week summer

intensive, directed by CROW's Artistic Director Melanie Heard and Assistant Director Genevieve Meltzer.

The program began back in 2012 when Heard noticed a need for "older kids" to be challenged and to become part of a "new tribe" to help them succeed.

This summer, the AAP stu-

dents have a very large project to pull off in only two short weeks. They are going to present two one-act plays at three public performances to be held Aug. 18, 19 and 20 at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts.

"Our kids are simply going to have to work their butts off. We will show them what it really means to be treated like professional young acting students. We hold extremely high standards for them, and I have no doubt that they will meet or exceed every task we give them," said Heard.

Over the course of the camp, the students, ranging in age from 12 to 19, will rehearse and prepare two comedic one acts, with familiar themes such as "blind dates" and "meeting Mr. or Mrs. Right."

The One Acts are entitled "It's Not You, It's Me," by Don Zolidis, and "Check Please," by Jonathan Rand.

Each day, the students will be immersed in high-level study of the craft of acting. Topics will include characterization, motivation, levels, depth, emotional



COURTESY PHOTO

CROW's Advanced Acting Students will rehearse and perform two one-act plays Aug. 18, 19 and 20 after a two-week intensive summer camp.

honesty, sense memory, digging deeper, improv skills, comedic and dramatic acting styles and more.

"It's a fantastic group of

young people," says Meltzer. "Each one of them has such a unique personality and I'm looking forward to the challenge of presenting this show in only two

weeks."

CROW encourages the Florence Community to come and support the Advanced Acting Program students' accomplishments.

Performance times are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at 3120 Highway 101 in Florence.

Tickets are \$15 per adult, or \$13 for students, and all proceeds will support future youth programming for CROW, as well as help to supply valuable materials such as props, costumes, set pieces and scripts.

"I am constantly in awe of these talented, artistic kids," said Heard. "Their creativity, teamwork, and dedication are evident from the moment that they walk into the room. Plus, these two one acts are really relatable and hilarious."

For tickets, or more information about the CROW program, including ways that you can donate to help finalize vital renovations on the back of the CROW Center for the Performing Arts, visit www.crowkids.com, or contact Heard at 541-999-8641.

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