

Missoula Children's Theatre returns to Pendleton

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PENDLETON — For the first time in years, Pendleton will have a summer theater camp. College Community Theatre is partnering with the Missoula Children's Theatre to present "The Emperor's New Clothes" on the campus of Blue Mountain Community College.

CCT Board President Anna Curry said the nonprofit is ready to return to the stage and partnering with Missoula Children's Theatre will allow youth actors to get a taste of theatre without a large time commitment.

"Our campers will learn the acting process of an entire production from audition to performance in just one week," she said. "It's a great opportunity."

Eastern Oregon is no stranger to the Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions. MCT is the nation's largest touring children's theatre company and will visit nearly 1,200 communities this year.

Once an organization partners with Missoula Children's Theatre, a tour team arrives with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, then hold auditions for 50-60 local students to perform.

The show is rehearsed throughout the week and two public performances are presented on Saturday. All MCT shows are original adaptations of classic children's stories and fairytales.

In addition to the performance and rehearsals, Pendleton students will participate in workshops to learn the basic tools of acting, what happens behind the scenes of a production, mime, stage combat and juggling.

Camp registration is limited to 60 children so all children are guaranteed a part in the production.

The Pendleton Summer Youth Theatre Camp will run during the day Monday-Friday, Aug. 15-19, with two performances set for Saturday, Aug. 20. Camp hours are from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. for campers age 8-18 and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

for campers age 6-7. All campers will perform during two performances on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Bob Clapp Theatre at Blue Mountain Community College.


The performances are free and open to the public.

Find a link to the registration forms online at www.collegecommunitytheatre.com/ or www.facebook.com/collegecommunitytheatre/ or by sending an email camp@collegecommunitytheatre.com

The Summer Youth Theatre Camp will help launch CCT's 2022-23 season. Auditions for the first show of the season, "Nonsense," will take place in September with the show planned for later this fall. Curry said a full schedule of shows for the 2022-23 season will be announced soon.

"Theater is an important aspect of the arts," Curry said. "Our goal is to once again be part of the larger arts community in Pendleton, providing quality programs for children and teens."

Visit www.collegecommunitytheatre.com for more information about the Emperor's New Clothes youth theater camp and watch the website and Facebook for more information about the upcoming 2022-23 theater season.

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