



### Upcoming Events

#### May 4, 2018

9:45 am & 12:30 pm performance of  
*Quiet Backstage or the  
Teacher Will Eat You*

#### AND

6:00-9:00 pm  
Theatre Kids Night In!

#### May 5-6, 2018

2:00 pm & 5:00 pm performance of  
*Quiet Backstage or the  
Teacher Will Eat You*

#### May 10, 2018

Summer Camp Sampler:  
5 and 6 Year Old Camp  
6:00-6:45 pm

#### May 12, 2018

9:00 am-8:00 pm  
CTW volunteering for Maker's Mart

#### May 15, 2018

Summer Camp Sampler:  
5 and 6 Year Old Camp  
6:00-6:45 pm

#### AND

10-14 Year Old Camp  
7:00-8:00 pm

#### May 17, 2018

6:00 pm  
CTW hosts Pickett and Robinson  
(TPS) for residency performances

#### May 18 and 20, 2018

5:00 pm  
CTW hosts homeschool  
cohort performances

#### May 19, 2018

2:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
Creative and Brave performances

#### May 26-28, 2018

CTW closed, Memorial Day  
weekend

#### June 2, 2018

OWE Parade and  
Pop up Theatre

CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOP'S ENSEMBLE COMPANY PRESENTS

## QUIET BACKSTAGE OR THE TEACHER WILL EAT YOU

(AND WHY DO PLAYS NEED TITLES?)

By Luna Cherry, Bella Coatney, Ajani Hammack, Isaac Sands,  
Christian Sleight, & Bronson Steiner

Edited by Aimee S. Reid

You've always had that sneaking suspicion that your theatre teacher is secretly evil, but you never suspected she was a murderous cannibal! A group of theatre kids run for their lives when Ms. Mee finally snaps and locks them in the theater of the local community arts center, ready to feast on theatre kid steaks. The stage parents beseech the local mailman to help, and it's Robert to the rescue! Can the theatre kids stay alive long enough to avoid becoming dinner? Will Erin learn to dance? Is Taylor going to burn the place down? Will someone take pity on poor Danielle? So much suspense!  
So much terror! So many chase scenes!

Cast A Performances are:

May 4 at 9:45 am

May 5 at 2:00 pm

May 6 at 5:00 pm

Cast B Performances are:

May 4 at 12:30 pm

May 5 at 5:00 pm

May 6 at 2:00 pm

All performances are in the Lois Nelson Theatre of the Collingwood Arts Center, at 2413 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH 43620.

Tickets are \$6 for student/seniors and \$8 for adults, and can be purchased online at [www.ctwtoledo.org/tickets](http://www.ctwtoledo.org/tickets), or at the door. Seating is reserved. The show runs at about 65 minutes with no intermission.

CTW's 2017-18 Teen Company programs are supported in part by HCR ManorCare, Buckeye Broadband, and Rob and Jillian Hahn.

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### Staff Spotlight!

We interviewed CTW staffer Alexandra Lenzo this month! Alex is the Music Director for both *James and the Giant Peach* and Disney's *The Little Mermaid* this summer.

#### What is your favorite theatre game?

I really enjoy an improvisational game called "Red Ball"! The teacher/leader will approach a student in the circle with an imaginary object that contains an action tied to it. That student must then pass the object to another student by acting out the exact same action. By the end of the game, there are up to TEN objects. My students always enjoy it and usually ends with laughter.

**What do you do to mentally get ready to teach?** My preparation process contains a lot of practice and planning. I always strive to make long-term and short-term goals for not only myself but my students. Right before I teach, I really enjoy spending a few minutes in silence just meditating and focusing my thoughts on the lesson. I also warmup before I teach. As a music teacher I think it's very important to treat a lesson like a performance. So like my singers, I too warmup.

**Favorite play or musical?** My favorite play would have to be *Clybourne Park* and my favorite musical is *Last Five Years*.

**LEAST favorite play or musical?** *Cats*

**What has been your favorite theatre (or theatre-like) experience?** My favorite theatre-like experience was being Music Director for Broadway Cares Benefit at BGSU. The process was very fast paced and student lead. I really enjoyed creating a powerful show for a great cause with some really amazing people.

**What's the best thing about doing theatre with young people?** Working with youth in the theatre community is always such a rewarding experience. At their age they're always creating new ideas and thoughts and allows us teachers to really explore all sorts of possibilities. Getting young students to step outside of their comfort zones and seeing the results is always a joy for me.

**What do you hope your students will experience when working with you?** I really hope that my students gain more confidence and passion for music and theatre. I strive to create an environment where anyone can come out of their shell and really explore what music and theatre means to them. My goal is that every student takes away at least one thing they didn't know prior to camp!



Congratulations to our Teen Company on their production of *Once Upon a Teen*



### **CTW in the Old West End Parade and Festival**

CTW is going to party with the OWE during its annual festival, June 2, 2018!

**The Parade:** We need a truck, some decorations, and CTW kids to raid our 5th floor of costumes to strut through the streets of the OWE on June 2nd during the parade. Or, just wear your favorite CTW shirt! Set up is 9:30-10:00 am, and the parade is 10:00 am-12:00 pm. We'll wear costumes (or show shirts), throw candy, and sing (if you want to...!)

**The Festival:** The festival has asked CTW to perform "pop-up" theatre, outside of the house tours. CTW students will partner with CTW staff to prepare improv games, monologues, or musical theatre songs, to perform June 2 between 1 pm-5 pm.

The festival folks will place each group outside one of the houses that are on display for hours tours—that way we have a built-in audience! Each group needs to commit for at least one hour, and the group will perform its 5-10 minutes' worth of theatre, every 20 minutes or so.

**If you want to be involved,** email Aimee Reid at [areid@ctwtoledo.org](mailto:areid@ctwtoledo.org). Your student will be matched up with a CTW staffer to perform. Students are welcome to pitch their own ideas, or join in on one of the staff's ideas. All performances will be sometime between 1 and 5 pm on June 2, 2018. We have use of a golf cart this year to help transport performers when their houses are far away from each other.

### **Theatre Kids Night In, Parents Night Out!**

Let CTW staff and volunteers hang out with your theatre kids –or, let us introduce theatre to your kid! It's a fun way to spend time at the theatre, and it's a great opportunity for theatre kids' adults to get out and have their own evening out!

We offer theatre kid activities for a three-hour block of time, for only \$15!

Read more, and register at:

[www.ctwtoledo.org/theatre-kids-night-in](http://www.ctwtoledo.org/theatre-kids-night-in).

May 4, 2018      June 15, 2018

July 13, 2018    August 10, 2018

6:00-9:00 pm

### **Maker's Mart Bartending Fundraiser!**

Help CTW raise money to support its programs and enjoy a lovely day at the popular Maker's Mart at Handmade Toledo, located at 1717 Adams Street.

CTW adults (21+ yrs) will pour beverages for Maker's Mart guests between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm. No mixing experience required, it's very simple!

**All tips go directly to CTW!**

Sign up for your 2 hour block (or more!) on May 12, 2018 at <http://signup.com/go/AcMyPtV>.

### **Summer 2018 Class Catalog**

Registration for each program closes two weeks before the camp is scheduled to begin, at 11:59 pm or when classes are full!

#### **Theatre Camps For Ages 5-6**

Monday-Friday 9:00-12:30 pm

June 18-22, 2018

July 23-27, 2018

Camp fee: \$100

#### **Theatre Camps For Ages 7-9**

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

June 11-15, 2018

July 9-13, 2018

July 30-August 3, 2018

All 7-9 year old camps have a 40 minute sharing at 3:00 pm on Friday

Camp fee: \$170

#### **Theatre Camps For Ages 10-14**

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

June 11-15, 2018

July 16-20, 2018

All 10-14 year old camps have a 50 minute sharing at 3:00 pm on Friday

Camp fee: \$170

#### **Theatre Camps For Ages 10-18**

Makeup Camp

June 18-22, 2018 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Camp fee: \$100

Costume Camp

July 9-13, 2018 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Camp fee: \$100

Tech Workshops

(Take one, take a few, take them all!)

6:00-8:00 pm

June 13, June 27, July 11, August 1

Topics differ each workshop!

#### **For Ages 10-12, 13-16**

Evening Improvisation Camp

June 18-22, 2018

6:00-7:30 pm

Sharing at 7:00 pm on July 22

Camp fee: \$40

#### **Summer Musical Camps**

Disney's *The Little Mermaid*

For ages 13-18

June 4-July 5, 2018

Mondays-Fridays 1:00-5:00 pm

Performances July 6-8, 2018

Camp fee includes intensive musical theatre workshops, rehearsals, and performance materials.

This year is a collaboration with

Bird's Eye View Circus!

Camp fee: \$180

Road Dahl's

*James and the Giant Peach*

Registration is closed; camp is full