

# NWCT Newsletter July 2009



The historic Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center to become arts center for children with theater, dance and music programming for students ages 3 to 18.

## IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE! NWCT SIGNS MASTER LEASE, ASSUMES MANAGEMENT OF BUILDING

NWCT is thrilled to announce the signing of a master lease with the board of directors of the Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center, NWCT's home since its inception in 1993. As of 5 pm on July 2, 2009, Northwest Children's Theater and School took over full operations of the building.

"This is huge," says NWCT founder and managing director **Judy Kafoury**. "Our vision for the building is truly inspiring, and we are working with wonderful community partners to make the vision a reality." Founder and education director **Carolyn Newsom** adds, "We are delighted to provide the kind of programming we've always dreamed of, and to create an arts center for Portland's children, who so deserve an artistic home and place to express themselves." The center will be the only one of its kind in the Portland metropolitan area, encompassing all aspects of performing arts training for the next generation of artists, patrons and professionals.

### Finally, We Can Fulfill Our Dream!

- We have full control of the building.
- We will establish an arts center for youth with a new vision for the building.
- We will expand our programming, and seek other nonprofit arts partners.

### Your suggestions have been heard!

- We will clean and paint!
- We will improve the restrooms, parking lot and landscaping.
- We will install an exterior marquee and permanent interior signage.

### You've offered to help. Here's what we need:

- Volunteers for cleaning and painting
- Funding for improvement projects
- In-kind donations

### More exciting developments!

- Dance program and studio coming soon
- Improved ADA access
- Fanciful themes and fresh decor
- Architectural improvements
- Improved safety systems
- Enhanced historical integrity of the building

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To get involved,

email [volunteer@nwcts.org](mailto:volunteer@nwcts.org)

### BE PART OF THE 09-10 SEASON!

Did you know that seeing just TWO shows a season makes you an NWCT subscriber? Click here for tickets to *Winnie the Pooh*, *Narnia*, *Pinocchio*, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* and *Madeline and the Gypsies*.

NWCT summer camps are still on sale! [Register today](#) for one- and two-week sessions through September 4. Remember, NWCT members get 10 to 20% off tickets and tuition, as well as a tax deduction. Not a member yet? [Click here](#) to become part of the NWCT family of supporters today!

### JULY CALENDAR

18	Summer Camps—Session B performances
24	Summer Camps—Session 2 demonstrations & performances

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