

NWCT Newsletter

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Ryan Stathos (The Scarecrow) and Natalie Hovee (Dorothy) in NWCT's production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Follow the Yellow Brick Road all the way to the Emerald City in this Technicolor masterpiece brought to life! Based on one of the best-loved books of all time, and featuring the Oscar-winning song "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," this enduring family favorite is ready to be re-discovered by a new generation. A spectacular stage version with all the songs and heart of the beloved classic film, Oz is a place where home is just a heel-click away. Most enjoyed by ages 5 and up, *The Wizard of Oz* plays **December 13 through January 4**. Special holiday performances December 23, 24, 26, 30, 31 and Jan. 2; for tickets, call 503-222-4480 or [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE— PORTLAND'S BEST AUCTION!

On **Friday, March 6, 2009**, NWCT rolls out the red carpet at our annual auction gala, "Hooray for Hollywood!" Paparazzi will be out in force as NWCT becomes the famous intersection of Hollywood and Vine, with palm trees, spotlights, and all the glitz and glamour you've come to expect at our biggest fundraiser of the season!

Get ready for your close-up in this celebration of The Golden Age of Cinema, with silent and live auctions, upcoming season announcement, first-class food and classy cocktails! Tickets to this star-studded event go on sale in mid-December; \$50 per person. All proceeds to benefit NWCT.

END OF YEAR GIVING

'Tis the season to set the stage for the children of Oregon and southwest Washington by becoming a member of the NWCT family. Ticket sales and tuition make up just 65% of NWCT's annual operating budget; your generosity keeps shows and classes affordable for most families, and underwrites outreach programming for disadvantaged youth.

In exchange, you'll get discounts on all NWCT purchases, invitations to special member-only events, a tax-deduction, and a warm feeling in your heart. [Click here](#) to become a member today. Already a member? Thank you for your support!

COME PLAY WITH US!

Winter classes at NWCT start in January; registration will begin soon! Please check www.nwcts.org in mid-November for complete schedule of fun theater classes for kids ages 3 to 18. Plus—calling all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins—sign up for our popular family classes! Remember, NWCT members get 10-20% off tuition.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Tickets are going fast for NWCT's original jazz adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland* **Jan. 23-Feb. 15 '09!** [Click here](#) or call 503-222-4480 to reserve tickets today.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES WITH JOHN ELLINGSON



As a full-fledged member of NWCT's artistic staff, Resident Artist John Ellingson is a featured performer in every production, and is also the company's scenic painter and props designer. An accomplished professional clown who studied under Portland's Rusty Nails since age 8, John's multi-faceted approach to creating worlds of wonder for adults and children alike make him an audience favorite. From intuitive painting to inspired performances, John's talents are in high demand throughout the city. So why children's theater? "The answer is simple," says John. "Storytelling is very real and so inspiring when an audience is full of children and their families. For them, it's the beginning. Nothing beats being a part of a child's first experience in theater."

NOV. CALENDAR

- 1-2 *Hansel & Gretel*—closes
- 1 *Twilight Tales*—Teens NW closing night
- 11 French playlab *Cendrillon*
- 15 Broadway Chorale concert 7:30 p.m. NWCT mainstage
- 15-20 Fall term demonstrations and playlab performances

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