

## 2008-09 Season of Plays

### NORTHWEST CHILDRENS THEATER and SCHOOL

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*Our mission—to educate,  
entertain and enrich the lives of  
young audiences*

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Children live in a world of imagination. At the theater, this magic becomes reality; as the curtain rises, the wishes and wonders of childhood are revealed. And for a child, anything is possible.

Nibble on a candy cottage and skip down the road with a scarecrow. Play croquet with a mad queen. Whisper goodnight to the Great Green Room, and find the courage to slay a dragon.

At NWCT, journeys unfold, fears are conquered, and dreams come to life. Join us as we fly over the rainbow to our 2008-09 season of plays, where everything is possible. —Sarah Jane Hardy, Artistic Director

#### October 10–November 2, 2008 **Hansel & Gretel**

*book by Sarah Jane Hardy, music by Rodolfo Ortega*  
“Nibble–nibble here, nibble–nibble there!”

Tummies will growl and audiences will howl when a famished Hansel and Gretel stumble upon a gingerbread house and a kindly old woman. But things are not at all what they seem... Based on the fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm, this original musical adaptation is a sticky-sweet confection of fright and delight! **NWCT World Premiere!**  
Most enjoyed by ages 6 & up

#### December 13 2008–January 4, 2009 **The Wizard of Oz**

*adapted by Frank Gabrielson, based on the book  
by Frank L. Baum, music & Lyrics by Harold Arlen,  
E. Y. Harburg, Herbert Stothart*  
“There’s no place like home!”

Follow Dorothy down 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 show is the perfect holiday outing.  
Most enjoyed by ages 5 & up

#### January 23–February 15, 2009 **Alice in Wonderland**

*an original musical adaptation by Ezra Weiss,  
based on the book by Lewis Carroll*  
“Curiouser and curiouser!”

Tumble down the rabbit hole into a nonsensical world of riddle and rhyme where down is up and up is

down, using two uniquely American artistic styles: musical theater and jazz! Alice’s journey into Wonderland features favorites like the Mad Hatter, Caterpillar and Queen of Hearts, reborn through jazz styles from Davis to Monk. **NWCT World Premiere!**  
Most enjoyed by ages 6 & up

#### March 21–April 5, 2009 **Goodnight Moon**

*script, music and lyrics by Chad Henry,  
based on the book by Margaret Wise Brown*  
“Goodnight stars, goodnight air,  
goodnight noises everywhere.”

Join Bunny for a bowl of mush in the Great Green Room as he bids goodnight to clocks, socks, mittens and kittens, and the cow jumping over the moon. Beloved by generations of readers and listeners, this new musical delights in the poetry and music of everyone’s favorite bedtime story.  
Most enjoyed by ages 4 & up

#### May 1–24, 2009 **The Hobbit**

*adapted by Patricia Gray from the book by J.R.R. Tolkien*  
“I am looking for someone to  
share in an adventure...”

Between the dawn of Faerie and the Dominion of Men, this unlikely hero’s journey is full of magic and mystery! Travel there and back again with Bilbo Baggins and Gandalf the Grey in this epic adventure to reclaim a stolen treasure from a fearsome dragon.  
Most enjoyed by ages 6 & up

**Where:** NW Neighborhood Cultural Center  
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**Tickets:** 503-222-4480 or WWW.NWCTS.ORG

**Access:** Audio-described performances available for the blind

**Info:** For season packages, 503-222-4480 or WWW.NWCTS.ORG