

Northwest Children's Theater and School Presents

Summer Nights! A Musical Theater Revue

**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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Northwest Children's Theater and School Artistic Director Sarah Jane Hardy and nationally-renowned composer Ezra Weiss direct *Summer Nights!*, NWCT's four-week dance, drama and voice intensive for serious students of musical theater. Developed specifically for teen performers who want to be pushed to the next level, *Summer Nights!* culminates in four performances of musical theater revue.

"Often, young performers are cast to their strengths, giving them ample opportunity to practice what they're already good at. While these experiences are valuable, it can result in gaps in their training," says Hardy. "*Summer Nights!* was created to fill that need, by providing a platform for growth in specific areas through specialized advanced training in

musical theater. By using challenging material, they are able to raise their level as performers as a whole."

Now in its third year as a staple in NWCT's summer programming, *Summer Nights!* features some of the city's most talented young people singing and dancing to a musical catalog featuring popular classical and contemporary pieces.

Summer Nights! is one of many NWCT summer camps which is sponsored by The Standard: Positively Different!, The Collins Foundation, Regional Arts and Culture Council/Work for Art and Oregon Arts Commission. Over 3,000 youth ranging from four-and-a-half to eighteen-years-old attend NWCT theater classes and camps annually.

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Northwest Children's Theater and School
students (from 2008) performing in
Summer Nights!

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When: Public Performances of *Summer Nights!*
July 10-12 and August 14-16
Fri. & Sat. 7 p.m. • Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m.

Where: NW Neighborhood Cultural Center
1819 NW Everett Street, Portland, OR 97209

Tickets: 503-222-4480 or WWW.NWCTS.ORG

Age Range: Most enjoyed by ages 12 and up

Prices: \$5 at the door (general admission)

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