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ELEPHANT & PIGGIE'S

We are in a Play!



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*Our mission—
to educate, entertain
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NW Children's Theater Brings *Elephant & Piggie* to Hillsboro!

Meet “bestus friends” Gerald the Elephant and Piggie the Pig. Together, they tackle friendship’s big questions: What happens when two friends want to play with ONE toy? What DO you wear to a fancy party? And will ANYONE say “Banana?” NWCT marks their 26th season with the return of these beloved children’s book characters, based on the popular book series by Mo Willems.

Perfect for first-time theater-goers, this upbeat musical explores the ups and downs of friendship through the eyes of Gerald and Piggie (portrayed by John Ellingson and Joellen Sweeney, both returning from the original production). On a day when anything is possible, Dog (Elo Paulorinne) drops by with an invitation to a party from The Squirrelles (Audrey Campbell, Celia Castillo-Torres, and Libby Rouffy). But what does one wear to a party? Is it a fancy party? A pool party? A costume party? Gerald knows — Gerald knows parties.

This one-weekend tour is modeled on NWCT’s 2018 mainstage production, featuring the original actors, costumes, and props. The stage adaptation of the popular Mo Willems book series builds upon the smash hit successes of both the original production and 2009’s *Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* (another Willems story). Artistic Director Sarah Jane Hardy brings the world of *Elephant & Piggie* to life as the storyline weaves in and out of eight of Willems’ books, including *Elephants Cannot Dance*, *I Love My New Toy*, and *Should I Share My Ice Cream?*, set to music by Deborah Wicks La Puma with music direction by Ezra Weiss.

Elephant & Piggie will open in Hillsboro at The Vault, courtesy of Bag & Baggage Theater, and marks NWCT’s first tour to visit Washington County. The tour will consist of four public weekend performances (11am & 2pm) and six weekday school matinees (10am & Noon). To purchase tickets to a public performance, please visit the NWCT website at www.nwcts.org or call the Box Office at 503-222-2190. To book a school field trip, please contact our School Matinee Manager at cindikinder@nwcts.org.

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VENUE

The Vault
350 E. Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123

SCHOOL MATINEES

JAN. 9, 10 & 11, 2019
SAT & SUN 10 am & Noon

PUBLIC SHOWS

JAN. 12 & 13, 2019
SAT & SUN 11 am & 2pm

TICKETS & INFORMATION

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End Date

January 13, 2019

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