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ELEPHANT & PIGGIE'S

We are in a Play!

Written by Mo Willems, Music by Deborah Wicks La Puma

Northwest Children's Theater Brings *Elephant & Piggie* to the Sherwood Center for the Arts!

The Beloved Play Tours Throughout Oregon this Spring



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*Our mission—
to educate, entertain
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If you have kids, chances are you've read Mo Willems' *Elephant & Piggie* books. NWCT Artistic Director Sarah Jane Hardy brings the world of *Elephant & Piggie* to life in this upbeat musical that weaves through eight of his most popular books, including *Elephants Cannot Dance*, *I Love My New Toy*, and *Should I Share My Ice Cream?* The tour is modeled on NWCT's 2018 production, which enjoyed sold-out houses and rave reviews.

Perfect for first-time theatergoers, *Elephant & Piggie's We are in a Play!* explores the ups and downs of friendship through the eyes of "bestus friends" Gerald the Elephant and Piggie (portrayed by John Ellingson and Ashley Coates, both returning from last year's production at the Oregon Zoo). Together, they tackle friendship's big questions: What DO you wear to a fancy party? What happens when two friends want to play with ONE toy? And will ANYONE say "Banana?" Dog, Penguin, and the Squirrelles (portrayed by NWCT's youth performers) join in on the fun.

Elephant & Piggie kicks off its tour in Portland on the NWCT Mainstage in March, before traveling to theaters in Hillsboro and Sherwood in April; and Salem and Gresham in May.

"We are really excited to embark on our first-ever multiple-city tour, bringing the magic of live theater to new communities and audiences!" exclaims Hardy. "This is a wonderful activity for families to do together—all of our shows have something special in them for the parents as well. Plus, there is nothing like seeing a child's face light up as they see their favorite characters come to life on stage."

Following each public show, audience members will also get the opportunity to meet the cast, take photos with the characters, and collect autographs in their playbills.

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Show Times

SHOW TIMES:
APRIL 11 at 11 am & 2 pm

VENUE:
SHERWOOD CENTER FOR THE **ARTS**

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Since 2015 the Sherwood Center for the Arts has served as the centerpiece of Sherwood arts & culture—a hub for cultural activity, arts education, & a resource for local artists, arts organizations, & arts patrons to expand the City's cultural experience.

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March 3, 2020

End Date
April 11, 2020

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