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# ELEPHANT & PIGGIE'S

**We are in a Play!**

Written by Mo Willems, Music by Deborah Wicks La Puma

## Encore Performance of Last April's Sold Out Show

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

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If you have kids, chances are you've read Mo Willems' *Elephant & Piggie* books. Northwest Children's Theater (NWCT) brings the world of Elephant & Piggie to life in an 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 show is an encore of NWCT's 2023 production which enjoyed sold-out houses and rave reviews.

(portrayed by members of Catalyst: NWCT's Youth Company) join in on the fun!

"This is a wonderful activity for families to do together," says NWCT's Artistic Director, Sarah Jane Hardy. "There is nothing like seeing a child's face light up as they see their favorite characters come to life on stage. Plus, all of our shows have something special in them for parents and grandparents as well."

*Elephant & Piggie's "We Are in a Play!"* is produced in part through the support of the Regional Arts and Culture Council, Kafoury McDougal: Lawyers for the People, the Oregon Arts Commission, the Oregon Cultural Trust, Pacific Office Automation, and NWCT's donor families; plus media sponsors PDX Parent, NW Kids, and The Oregonian/Oregon Live.

### Here's what audiences had to say about the 2023 production:

*"The show was fantastic! Perfect amount of audience interaction, wonderful talent, and the kids loved seeing their favorite book characters on stage!"*

*"The show was amazing! What a wonderful first play experience for my 3 & 5 year old. They loved it and I did too."*

*"It was so delightful. My granddaughter loves the books and reveled in seeing Elephant and Piggie come to life! She said, 'I never want this play to end.'"*

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 the Pig (portrayed by John Ellingson and Kristin Robinson). Together, they tackle friendship's big questions: What DO you wear to a fancy pool party? What happens when two friends want to play with ONE toy? And will ANYONE say "Banana?" Dog, Penguin, and the Squirrelles

### VENUES & SHOWTIMES



**The Judy Kafoury Center for Youth Arts**  
1000 SW Broadway, Suite T-100  
Portland, OR 97205

**JANUARY 13-28**  
**Saturdays & Sundays 11am & 2pm**

Most enjoyed by ages 3 and up

**ASL INTERPRETED SHOW**  
January 21 at 11am

### TICKETS

**\$25-\$35**

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