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Go Dog. Go!

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Adapted by Allison Gregory and Steven Dietz from the book
"Go, Dog. Go!" by P.D. Eastman
Music & Lyrics by Michael Koerner
Directed by Sarah Jane Hardy & John Ellingson

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

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Sarah Jane Hardy

P.D. Eastman's classic children's book skates, swerves, and leaps from page to stage in *Go Dog. Go!*

Dogs rule in this fantastical world. Yellow Dog, Blue Dog, Red Dog and dogs of all colors, shapes, and sizes can do it all from singing & dancing to snorkeling & driving! They howl at the moon. They ride a Ferris wheel. And of course, they know how to throw a wild party!

Sarah Jane Hardy, Northwest Children's Theater's Artistic Director and director of *Go Dog. Go!* is excited to bring this show back to life – this time at NWCT's new home, The Judy in downtown Portland. "This is one of the best book-to-stage adaptations I've ever worked on," says Hardy. "The script truly captures the spirit of the book."

One of the highlights of *Go Dog. Go!* is the dynamite dancing – on roller skates! John Ellingson, NWCT's Associate Artistic Director is brushing up his skating skills to take on the role of MC Dog. "The theatrical elements of this show take root in clowning and circus, which is where I got my start!" exclaims Ellingson, who is co-directing the show with Hardy. "It's full of physical play, which is one of my favorite ways to work. There's everything from jump rope to disco dance on skates!" Members of Catalyst, NWCT's Youth Company are also learning how to skate to play the roles in the Dog Ensemble.

NWCT offers a sensory friendly performance of *Go Dog. Go!* Featuring shorter run times, reduced or removed lighting and sound cues, and the constant presence of house lights, these performances are specially designed for children on the autism spectrum or with other sensory sensitivities. Tickets to sensory friendly shows are offered on a sliding scale, and are free for those in need.

In addition to weekend public shows, nearly 2,000 students will catch *Go Dog. Go!* on stage during eight weekday, school matinee performances.


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VENUE >> NWCT's HOME:


THE JUDY

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

May 18 - June 9, 2024
11 am & 2:30 pm

 **MASK REQUIRED SHOW**
May 25 at 2:30 pm

 **SENSORY FRIENDLY SHOW**
May 26 at 11 am

 **ASL INTERPRETED SHOW**
June 1 at 2:30 pm

Most enjoyed by ages 3 and up

TICKETS \$25-\$35
\$5 Arts for All tickets are available for Oregon Trail/SNAP Card holders
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End Date

June 9, 2024

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