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Greek Gods, Teen Heroes, and Epic Quests: *The Lightning Thief* Hits the Stage at The Judy

The prophecy is clear: It's going to be a summer full of epic quests, ancient grudges, and absolutely no chill. Northwest Children's Theater presents *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*, a live, action-packed theatrical adventure for the whole family. Based on the hit book series by Rick Riordan, this Theater for Young Audiences (TYA) version of the Broadway musical is perfect for ages 6 and up, making this a must-see summer show that families won't want to miss!

Zeus's lightning bolt has been stolen and the prime suspect is 12-year-old Percy Jackson. With the Olympian gods on the verge of war, Percy and his friends must face danger, battle mythical beasts, and clear Percy's name before it's too late.

This unique production features Northwest Children's Theater alumni both on and off stage. This is the third summer alumni production presented by NWCT, a new tradition that has become a beloved part of the theater's annual offerings. Each year, alumni travel from all across the country to return to their NWCT roots and be a part of these special productions.

Alumna Elena Valdovinos stars as Percy Jackson. Valdovinos took her first NWCT summer camp at eight years old, and at 16, she joined Catalyst: NWCT's Youth Company. Her previous NWCT Mainstage shows include *Elephant & Piggie* and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*. It means a lot to Valdovinos to return to NWCT. "I'm so happy to be back," she says. "This show is really, really fun, and it feels extra special because I get to return to my second home and work with a lot of insanely talented alumni for the first time. I'm incredibly grateful to NWCT, not only for the memories and experiences I gained here as a teenager, but for the fact that I can keep getting older and still feel their support."

Director Emma Sanders is also happy to be back at NWCT, having started her journey with the organization when she was five years old. "I went from taking camps to eventually teaching them, and now I'm returning as a college graduate to help tell one of my favorite stories of all time. This theater had such a positive impact on me as a kid, and it's very meaningful to now be the one creating the positive experiences and lifelong memories for today's youth."

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The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical is produced in part through the support of Kafoury McDougal: Lawyers for the People, the Oregon Arts Commission, the Oregon Cultural Trust, and NWCT's donor families; plus media sponsors PDX Parent and NW Kids.

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