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Northwest Children’s Theater’s Fourth Annual Alumni Show Returns with Robin Hood, July 18-August 2

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PORTLAND, OR — Northwest Children’s Theater (NWCT) announces its fourth annual Alumni Show production, *Robin Hood*, playing July 18-August 2 on The Schnitzer Stage at The Judy Kafoury Center for Youth Arts in downtown Portland. The NWCT Alumni Show is a unique fixture in the theater’s season in which every member of the creative team, cast, and crew is a former NWCT student. From recent graduates to alumni with more than 30 years of history, these artists return from near and far every summer to create this special production together.

NWCT Managing Director Nick Fenster directs the show. Himself an alumni, Fenster began taking theater classes at NWCT back in 1993, the company’s founding year. In the years since he has worn many hats, working as a teacher, administrator, playwright, and now Managing Director. Outside of NWCT, Fenster has written and directed for Action/Adventure Theatre and the Working Theatre Collective. *Robin Hood* marks his first time directing for NWCT.

“I love this play,” says Fenster. “I love James’ writing. It’s clever, it’s self-aware, it keeps things light and action-oriented. If I’m being honest, this is the play 7-year-old Nick Fenster always wanted to be in — there’s constant action on stage, tumbling and sword fights. I just love this show.”

This comedic version of *Robin Hood* was originally commissioned and produced by NWCT in 2011, written by longtime NWCT artistic community member James Moore, who also wrote the 2012 musical farce *Rapunzel Uncut*. This marks the third time the theater has produced the play. Packed with over-the-top heists, sword fights, slapstick humor, and audience interaction, the fast-paced family

comedy follows Robin, Maid Marian, and their merry band as they outsmart the cruel Sheriff of Nottingham and wicked Prince John.

Henry Martin stars as Robin Hood. Martin is a longtime NWCT performer who most recently appeared as Pete in the two-time sold-out run of *Pete the Cat*. Tia Lempert joins as Maid Marian in her second Alumni Show appearance and fifth Mainstage production overall.

Performances run Saturdays and Sundays at 11am and 2pm. An ASL-interpreted performance is offered on July 26 at 2pm. Tickets are \$20–\$25; \$5 Arts for All tickets are available for Oregon Trail/SNAP Card holders.

Robin Hood 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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June 16, 2026

End Date
August 2, 2026

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VENUE >> NWCT’s HOME:

THE JUDY

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Most enjoyed by ages 5 and up

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