

"Is Everybody Ready?"

The Gemini Theater Company has been bringing unique, interactive theater experiences to children and families for over twenty years. Founded in 1996, the theater brings stories to life by inviting the audience to be part of the show. The Gemini always gives kids the opportunity to step on to the stage, helping characters solve problems and make new friends. In January 2016, the Gemini Theater relocated to the Ryan Arts & Cultural Center, and presented their 20th Anniversary Season in their new home. Growth has been key as audiences new and old visit the theater with each performance and program, and the Gemini is looking forward to an exciting 22nd Season!

Since 2003, Gemini Theater has offered summer theater camps with a unique twist. In one week, young actors create, write, and rehearse an original show to perform on the last day of camp. In between writing and rehearsing, campers also learn theater games that strengthen their social skills as well as their stage presence. Campers also make their own props, help design their sets, and make any costume pieces needed to make their character come to life. In 2017, the Teen Theater Workshop (ages 12 – 17) expanded to two weeks to give students more time to learn and focus on creative writing, character development, and production of a full-length play.

Gemini Theater also offers afterschool and weekend theater classes, giving families additional opportunities to enroll their children in theater programs. Classes have been designed to focus on age-appropriate curriculum that not only teaches about acting, but helps each student discover new things about themselves. There are programs for children starting at age four with several class options also available for elementary and middle school students. Both the classes and camps have scholarship opportunities for families requesting tuition assistance, and no family is turned away. Art should always be accessible and available for every child.



Cinderella 2017



Wizard of Oz 2018

Adventure, a larger version of Lani's two-character production. It was decided in early 2018, to give that script some tweaks, re-writes, and some new plot ideas to open the upcoming season. Children will love being sworn in as part of the crew to help defeat Swiper Sam and his Slick, Sinister Swashbucklers and get back a stolen treasure. For the "big kid" audience members, a parrot with a passion for classic rock will keep them laughing as will Barnacle Bart and Typhoon Tera, who are like a classic vaudeville comedy duo. This production will run through October 7.

The remaining season will bring back some classic, Gemini productions: *Beauty & The Beast Holiday* (November 24 – December 16), *Peter Pan* (January 19, 2019 – February 3, 2019), *Charlotte's Web* (March 2 – 10), and *Sleeping Beauty* (April 6 – 20). All shows are interactive and are written for an audience of children ages two and up.

Is your child a budding actor? Students age ten and older can audition for any of our main stage productions! It is a great opportunity for a young actor to work with local, professional actors and contribute to one of many great community-based theaters in our area.

For more information about this season's shows, classes and programs, call 412-243-6464 or visit www.geminitheater.org.

Schools, camp groups, and many community organizations have enjoyed having their own matinee performance through Gemini's Outreach Program. Since 2002, Gemini Theater has offered field trip experiences for students, allowing teachers to bring their classrooms to the theater for a unique theater experience. Students typically see a show, have lunch on site at the theater, and enjoy a bonus workshop of theater games with actors from the performance. Gemini will also take these performances on the road and have recently toured to Virginia, New Jersey, and even to The National Theatre in Washington DC!

The Gemini Theater Company will begin its 22nd season on September 22 with its original, interactive musical *The Pirate Queen*. This production was inspired by Lani Cerveris Cataldi and her character Allegheny Annie, which she created for performances on the Gateway Clipper. In 2013, she and Executive Director Jill Jeffrey sat down to write *A Pirate Princess*



NoElves! Outreach Show

Gemini Theater can't wait to see you on the stage!

