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# TOWN HALL ARTS CENTER

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## **Town Hall Arts Center Youth Theatre Programs Presents** ***Seussical JR., Jump 'N' Jive Juliet and A Midsummer Night's Dream***

**Littleton, CO** – Town Hall Arts Center's Youth Theatre Programs are gearing up to perform a fun array of shows this summer. ***Seussical, JR.*** book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, music by Stephen Flaherty, and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. Co-Conceived by Eric Idle, based on the works of Dr. Seuss. ***Seussical, JR.*** is directed **Robert Michael Sanders**. Robert has worked successfully in the entertainment industry for over 25 years in theatre, film, music and television, and is so excited to bring his skills to Town Hall Arts Center for his 6<sup>th</sup> summer musical. Choreography by Jessica Hindsley – a professional actor, dancer, and choreographer and regular with BDT, Candlelight, and Town Hall. Music Direction by long-time music director and teacher, Ellen Shamas-Brandt who has a Ph.D. in education. This is her 4<sup>th</sup> year doing music direction for Town Hall. Performed by actors aged 13-18, this production is a fully staged show with professional sets by Mike Haas & Dustin Hartley, costumes by Susan Rahmsdorff, lighting and sound design by Mike Haas.

Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

**Town Hall's production of *Seussical, JR* plays July 15, 16, 22, 23 at 7 pm, July 18, 19, 20, 21 at 10 am.**

Also performing this summer are kids aged 7-13 in ***Jump 'N' Jive Juliet***. Book by Mark Dissette, local author and actor and music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur. Directed by LuAnn Buckstein with music direction by Robert Michael Sanders.

Join the high-flyin' fun of the post-war 1940s with exuberant jitterbug, boogie-woogie, and jump 'n' jive songs of the big band spirit!

Ms. Montague and her son, Ron, are planning a jitterbug dance contest. Ms. Capulet and her daughter, Juliet, are rehearsing "Romeo and Juliet." When the community center gets double-booked for both these events at the same time, it's up to Ron and Juliet to settle the grudge between their mothers. If they don't succeed, the mayor threatens to shut down both family businesses. But with a nosy cleaning woman, a

slimy lawyer and her escaped con henchman fueling the fire between the families, this tragedy quickly turns into a hysterical comedy.

**Town Hall's production of *Jump 'N' Jive Juliet* plays Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9 at 6 pm**

Lastly, The Actors' Playground goes classical! Join us for Shakespeare's most popular comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directed by our Education Director, Seth Maisel, and performed by ages 13-18. When four young people in love find their plans crossed by parents and even the King, they run off into the woods. Their plans take a strange and hilarious turn as they run right into the middle of a fight in the world of the faeries and become amusement for mischievous sprites! The wackiness is compounded when a group of rude mechanicals wander into the woods to rehearse their play. Join us for this hilarious fully-staged and costumed romp!

**Town Hall's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* plays Friday, August 5 and Sunday, August 7 at 7 pm**

The Actor's Playground is a program designed to give young people a place where they can express themselves creatively, expand their appreciation of the arts and develop the skills they need to take an active part in the arts. We open up new worlds for children by providing experience and guidance in a professional setting.

**Ticket Information:**

General admission seat tickets are currently on sale, priced at only \$5.00 at the Town Hall Arts Center box office, 303-794-2787 ext. 5 or online at [townhallartscenter.org/shows](http://townhallartscenter.org/shows).

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