

Star Center Theatre, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing arts education and performance opportunities to area youth and their families since 2000. Our programs, classes, and workshops allow the children to participate in all aspects of theatre production. Children develop a sense of teamwork and pride in finishing something that they played a major part in producing. Star Center allows children to create and develop in the areas they like. We utilize student directors, musicians, costumers, visual artists and choreographers. During the summer camps, some of our former child performers serve as camp counselors. The program is designed to educate both preschool and K-12 students. Star Center also offers special programs for adults and families. Students learn about techniques and skills used in the performing arts and receive hands-on experience in technical theatre. The program is rooted in education and promotes inclusion in the school curriculum.

Many of our students use their experience at the Star Center as part of their community service. At Star Center, we strongly believe that theatre should bring together all kinds of people, which has proven thus far to have been successful in building a whole new audience for the shows. Because of the low cost, many people are able to attend and bring their entire families, including young children to the shows; thus creating a new generation of art supporters.

Star Center exists to provide experiences that educate, challenge and inspire young people through the arts. We provide performance opportunities that allow young people to be creative, develop camaraderie and experience success in completion of a production. This experience also helps youth to develop lifelong skills that can be used in any profession they choose.

Star Center is well-known in the community and has received several awards both locally and state-wide such as the SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH AWARD (local), and the GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INVESTMENT IN YOUTH (statewide). Since Star Center is a 501(c)(3) organization recognized as a public charity by the Internal Revenue, it is thus qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, transfers or gifts.



**2017-2018**

## **Season Brochure**

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**THE WIZ**  
October 19<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>

Directed by Brandon Hall

Based on "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum, this production brings to life the wonderful characters that befriend Dorothy, including the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion. The journey allows Dorothy to search within, and using her silver slippers, she is able to find the strength to "believe in herself."

**Our DAZZLING Regular Season Opene**  
Tony-winning Musical

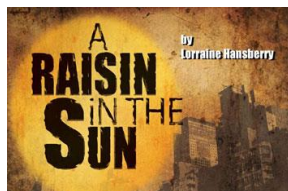


**CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE OF JOY**  
February 8<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>

Directed by Ann Kinnebrew

**FROM 2- TIME PULITZER PRIZE WINNER** The story takes place in 1950 while America is dealing with the after effects of World War II, the start of the Cold War, and bracing itself for the Civil Rights movement. *Crums* is a memory play told through Ernestine, a teenage, African-American young woman whose family is dealing with their own realities of change.

**Auditions - November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Ages 13 & up



**A RAISIN IN THE SUN**  
November 11<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>

Directed by Rhonda Wilson

*A Raisin in the Sun* is a play about dreams; what it means to dream big, to lose faith in your dreams, and to discover new dreams. It is also a story about family. *A Raisin in the Sun* portrays a few weeks in the life of the **Youngers**, an African-American family living on the South Side of Chicago in the 1950s.

**Tony Award for Best**  
**Revival of a Play**

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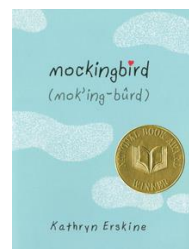
### New Works, One-acts, Festival, Spring Gala, etc Arts Educational Trip to NYC Spring Break 2018



**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.**  
December 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. He and his household may be doomed for all eternity.

**School and Public Performances on Phillips Center Main Stage**  
Educational partnership with Caring and Sharing Learning School



**MOCKINGBIRD**  
April 13<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>  
Directed by Ann Kinnebrew

Caitlin's world has always been black and white. As an 11-year-old on the autism spectrum, she relied on her older brother to help make sense of things. But now that he's gone, she's all on her own. With the help of those around her, Caitlin begins to understand the world and use her burgeoning artistic talents to move on.

**Auditions - January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Ages 6 thru adult



**BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER**  
December 9<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>

Directed by Niyin Smith

**HOLIDAY JOY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!** In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdmans-- probably the most inventively "awful kids in history." You won't believe the mayhem - and the fun - when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on!

**Auditions - October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Ages Kindergarten & up



**SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.**  
May 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in *Shrek The Musical JR.*, based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and fantastic Broadway musical. It's a "big bright beautiful world" as everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, leads a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance.

**Auditions - February 19th & 20th**  
Ages 6 and up

**School and Public Performances at the Phillips Center**



**THE COLOR PURPLE**  
January 11<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>

Guest Director - Christian St. John

An inspiring family saga that tells the unforgettable story of Celie who, through love, finds the strength to triumph over adversity and discover her unique voice in the world. This is a musical adaptation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel (and the popular 1985 Steven Spielberg film).

**10 Shows at the Phillips Center**  
**Tony Winner for Best Revival of a Musical**  
**Auditions - November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Ages 16 and up



**HAIRSPRAY JR**  
May 18 -26

It's 1962, and spunky, plus-size teen, Tracy Turnblad, has one big dream - to dance on the popular "Corny Collins Show." When she finally gets her shot, she's transformed from social outcast to sudden star. Tracy fights to dethrone the reigning Miss Teen Hairspray, Amber von Tussle, and integrate a TV network in the process. With the help of her mom, Edna, and guest DJ, Motormouth, Tracy might prove unstoppable.

**REGULAR SEASON FINALE**  
**Auditions - February 12 & 13**  
13 and up

