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Rogers Little Theater

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*Photo Opportunity, Tuesday, Dec. 15 (see note following news release)

RLT SPOTLIGHT STUDIO PROGRAM BEGINS WITH CHILDREN'S CLASSES

ROGERS, Ark. — Does your child love to act, dance or sing? Then RLT Spotlight Studio at Rogers Little Theater is the place to be.

RLT Spotlight Studio director Martina Peacock will work with instructor Dru Peacock Wiser in the RLT KidWorks program to provide performing arts learning experiences for children of most ages, starting Jan. 11 for a Winter Session and March 29 for a Spring session, to be followed by future sessions. Classes in the first two sessions last for eight weeks and are categorized by age group. Details are at www.rogerslittletheater.org.

Classes will be held at the RLT Spotlight Studio, an annex rehearsal space at 204 W. Walnut in historic downtown Rogers. Each session will conclude with two performances on the stage of RLT's Victory Theater, just around the corner at 116 S. Second St.

"Our performance will be like a showcase of talent. Each class will perform their own vignette," said Spotlight Studio Instructor Dru Peacock Wiser. "Spotlight Studio is where students take center stage. It's for everyone and is a training ground for the theater. Children in these classes will experience the full process of being in a show."

The theme for the upcoming sessions is "Welcome to the 60's," incorporating material from familiar musicals like Hairspray, Grease and Hair.

The Winter Session is Jan. 11-March 13, with performances March 12 and 13 at 7 p.m.; and the Spring Session is March 29-May 22, with performances May 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. Each session includes out-of-class dress rehearsal times.

RLT Spotlight Studio program is made possible in part through a grant from Cox Communications. The studio's director, Martina Peacock, said the program strives to provide a creative atmosphere that promotes self-esteem and joy. Classes are designed to offer something for everyone interested in the performing arts.

Each 8-week class is \$125. A reduced rate of \$100 per 8-week class is available to children signing up for two or more classes and to families who have two or more children registering. For information and/or to register for an 8-week class, please contact the RLT Box Office at 479/631-8988 or go to www.rogerslittletheater.org

RLT Spotlight Studio's Winter / Spring 2010 Children's Classes

The RLT Spotlight Studio team has developed weekly 50-minute classes for children interested in acting only ("Adventures in Acting"); acting and dancing ("Show Stoppers"); and acting, dancing and singing ("Triple Threat" and "Homeschool Drama/Musical Theater").

Spotlight One: Adventures in Acting.

For ages 6-8, the instructor will introduce your youngest ones to the fun world of theater through games, activities and creative play. They will learn the building blocks of working together to put on a performance in which everyone plays an important role. Mondays 4 p.m.

For children in grades 3-5 and 6-8, there are separate classes that get to the basics of performance: imagination and experience, characterization, acting, auditioning, and many other essential theater and life skills. Wednesdays 4 p.m. for grades 3-5; Wednesdays 5 p.m. for grades 6-8.

For teenagers in grades 9-12, a class will engage their own experiences and abilities, focusing on characterization, stage direction, scene study, monologues and

performance. Mondays 5 p.m.

Spotlight Two: Show Stoppers

Each student gets involved in the creative process of musical theater, including staging, choreography, costumes and props. Students learn dances and scene excerpts in age-appropriate musical numbers, although this class does not require singing.

Grades 3-5, Tuesdays 4 p.m.

Grades 6-8, Tuesdays 5 p.m.

Grades 9-12, Tuesdays 6 p.m.

Spotlight Three: Triple Threat

The performer knows the tools needed for three aspects of the stage: Acting, Dancing and Singing. The instructor will teach to the abilities and experiences of the students who will learn about characterization in musical theater, theater vocabulary and performance skills.

Grades 3-5, Thursdays 4 p.m.

Grades 6-8, Thursdays 5 p.m.

Grades 9-12, Thursdays 6 p.m.

Spotlight Four: Homeschool Drama/Musical Theater

Students have opportunity to experience a combination of adventures in acting, dancing and singing in a course designed to be flexible in that the instructor will teach to the abilities and experiences of students. Note: Homeschool students are welcome in any class at Spotlight Studio besides the homeschool specific classes.

Ages 6-11, Tuesdays 2 p.m.

Ages 12-18, Thursdays 2 p.m.

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***Photo Opportunity, Tuesday, Dec. 15**

The Spotlight Studio team will be dressed up in holiday garb with children performing a *creative skit* announcing the classes during RLT's Annual Holiday Party/Meeting at the Rogers Little Theater, 116 S. Second St., in downtown Rogers. This event is at 7 p.m.

Beforehand, at 6:30 p.m., Director Martina Peacock and a couple children will be practicing at the Spotlight Studio, 204 W. Walnut, just around the corner from RLT. Peacock can be reached at sunnypeacock@yahoo.com or 479/633-1989. We so hope you can send a photographer.