

December 2018

NEWSCAST

Community
Theatre League
Community Academy
of Stage and Theatre



CTL Partners with the James V Brown Library for a series of workshops and events!

Starting in January, and in conjunction with our Page to Stage lineup, CTL and the James V Brown Library will be partnering up to hold a series of workshops and events. Two workshops will take place at the library hosted by Nina White of the J V Brown Library and Brianne Tupper of CTL. The first series is an emotions based workshop for children ages 3-5 using a variety of creative expression techniques and quality literature. During the workshop we will share and explore books that nurture a foundation of emotional vocabulary that will expand emotional literacy, and discover the many facets and dimensions of other shades of feelings. The goal of the class will be for children to build a vocabulary of their emotions, develop and nurture empathy and gain skills to better manage their everyday emotions through stories and creative drama. This workshop will be an independent class for children ages 3 to 5, providing a safe, fun and creative environment for children to explore and express their feelings. In the spring, parents will be asked to join class. The children at that time will be the leaders and teach parents the games and activities to do at home supporting social emotional learning strategies and mindfulness together. Class will be every other week beginning Monday January 21st at 10:30. No registration is requested.

The second workshop series is called Read it! Write it! Act it! and concentrates on elementary age students. Participants will learn how to turn a book or a chapter of a book into a script and then act out that script. This workshop will conclude with students recording their scripts to be presented via podcast. The workshop will begin on January 23 and will run every fourth Wednesday through May of 2019. For More information and to register visit the J V Brown library website www.jvbrown.edu.

The third event will coincide with our mainstage production of *To Kill A Mockingbird*. Participants will be invited to read the book, see the show and then join us for a film screening and talk back / group discussion. More information on this event to come!

10 Questions with Hannah

(Every issue we will have a special segment where CAST student and mainstage regular Hannah J. Bastian will interview a member of CTL)



This issue's guest is our Technical Director Abby Palaski

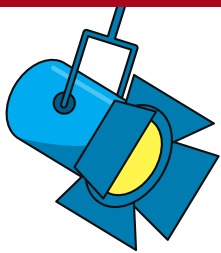
- 1. What inspired you to do lights?
 - When I was little I liked "The Sound of Music", but found out that I wasn't good at singing so decided to do lights instead
- 2. What is your favorite thing about lights?
 - The different "pretty" colors
- 3. What was the first show that you did, or were in, where you didn't do the lights?
 - Shows at my church
- 4. What was the first show that you did the lighting for?
 - "Escape The Island" [the game show]
- 5. What was your strangest dream?
 - I stole a safe from the Mines of Moria
- 6. What is your spirit animal?
 - Golden retriever because they are excited about life except for when they are asleep.
- 7. Would you rather have a beard or a weird tail like a squirrel?
 - A tail, a monkey tail, because I could hang from the grid and place the lights.
- 8. What is your favorite?
 - Swimming
- 9. What is your favorite color?
 - Blue
- 10. *-LIGHTNING ROUND-*
 - Favorite movie?: 10 Commandments
 - What would your name be if it was a place?: Oklahoma
 - What superpower would you have if you could already fly?: Teleport.
 - Who inspires you?: My Mom
 - Favorite book?: Harry Potter because it is magical
 - Favorite Holiday?: Christmas because it is the joy of the season.
 - If you were an object what would you be?: Clay because it can be made into pretty things.

By Hannah J Bastian

**CROSS
CAMPUS
DRAMATIC
WORKSHOP
2018**



This year's Cross Campus Dramatic Workshop on October 27th was a huge success with ten schools participating and almost two-hundred students in attendance. An amazing day was had by all and truly fell in line with this year's theme: Inspiration Starts Here. The event opened with special guest and keynote speaker, Victor Capece of Millersville University. Victor spoke passionately about the value of finding and defining who you are as an individual and an artist. He then spent the day with us sitting in on roundtable discussions with fellow instructors, as well as, spending time with students sharing stories from his days as a scenic designer in NYC and offering words of encouragement. Classes ranged from fencing, makeup and mask making to dancing, improv and Shakespeare. Students were able to learn meaningful theatre arts skills from industry experts and educators all while making new friends and networking with peers from across PA. We are already looking forward to next year's event!



**Spotlight student
of the month**

This month the CAST spotlight is on, Kristen Dinges! Kristen was recently seen in two mainstage shows back to back, *Thumbelina* and *A Christmas Story the Musical*. While rehearsing for both mainstage shows, Kristen has also been studying for her CAST Studio I play *Little Miss Gingerbread* and keeping up with schoolwork, chorus and piano. Kristen always brings a positive attitude to the theatre and an encouraging spirit!

This month the spotlight is on you, Kristen! Congratulations!

Theatre word of the month:

Pacing

Pacing - tempo or speed at which a scene is played or an actor plays out a scene.

Very important in comedy.

"The Old Man's pacing in *A Christmas Story the Musical* was on point!"

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Upcoming Events

Studio II presents:

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe
Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30 pm in the
Moyer Studio Theatre

Tickets \$5

Stars in Training presents: *Christmas Every Day*

Thursday, December 20th 4:30 pm in the
Moyer Studio Theatre. Free Admission

Studio I presents: *Little Miss Gingerbread*

Thursday, January 3rd 6:00 pm in the
Moyer Studio Theatre. Free Admission

Jump 4 Joy presents:

Legend of the Nian: A Chinese New Year Tale
Monday, January 7th at 4:30 pm in the
Moyer Studio Theatre

Classes:

Jump 4 Joy Session III starts Jan. 8th
Starts in Training Session III start Jan. 10th
Studio I Session II starts Jan. 8th with
The Fairy-tale Network
Studio II Session II starts Jan. 7th
Rock of Ages Jr
Studio III Session II starts Jan. 7th with *Clue*

Saturday Intensives:

Improv 5 week intensive starts March 2
with Phil Vonada
Stage Makeup and Beyond 5 week intensive
starts March 2

Shows:

James and the Giant Peach - Jan. 11-13
Almost, Maine - Jan. 25-27

Events:

CTL / CAST Open House Jan. 9th 5-7 pm



A Note from the Education Department:

As we prepare to take a winter break at the CTL I can't help but reflect on the past year and why theatre, and all of the arts, are so important in our lives. From the time that humans started to communicate, art has been at the center of our connection. From cave drawings and stone carvings to creative dancing and ancient songs; humans love to express themselves. The arts teach us that it's okay to cry, it's okay to laugh aloud, it's okay to feel. That stories do not always end with a happily ever after and heroes can come from the most unlikely sources. Plays can be soulful and poignant, pulling you from your everyday life into a bird's eye view of another. Musicals can be inspiring and fill you with an unexpected joy that you didn't even know you were missing. That you are never too old to learn something new or see things from a new perspective. That when we feel together, we learn together.

Here's to another year of connecting with all of you through the arts and making merry the hearts of a community. From our CTL family to yours, Happy Holidays.