

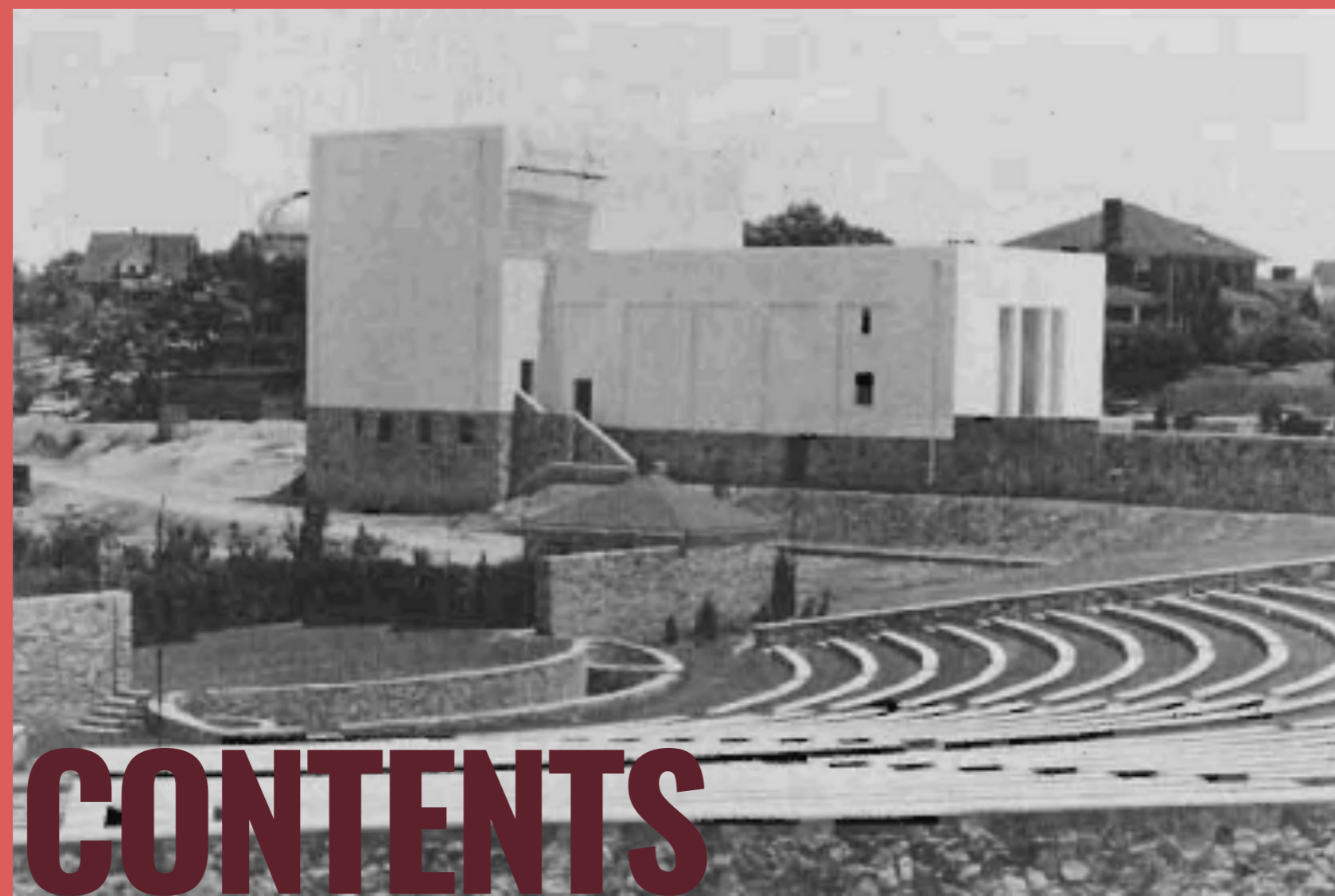
# RALEIGH LITTLE THEATRE



**2023-24 IMPACT REPORT**



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## LETTER FROM THE STAFF

Dear friends and supporters,

As we look back on our 2023-24 year, there are so many stories to share and so much work to celebrate. Our performance season was a success, our education program continued to grow, and we were named Best Theatre Company in Wake County.

This report is intended to highlight the impact that Raleigh Little Theatre's programs had on our community – the audiences we reached, the students we engaged, the stories we platformed on our stages – but we also want to recognize the impact that you, our community, had on us. Whether you showed up to a community forum, advised on a committee, volunteered front-of-house, donated on your ticket purchase, shared feedback on a survey, gave a kind welcome to one of our (many!) new staff members, or cheered at a show, you helped to shape RLT this year.

Your passion and commitment are the heart of our Little Theatre, and we are endlessly grateful for the difference you make.

As you explore this Impact Report, we hope you see yourself and your contributions reflected in its pages, and feel the same pride that we do in the art we've made, the lives we've touched, and the community we've built together.

Here's to all we've accomplished this year, and to the many stories still waiting to be told.

**WITH HEARTFELT THANKS,**

**THE STAFF AT RALEIGH LITTLE THEATRE**

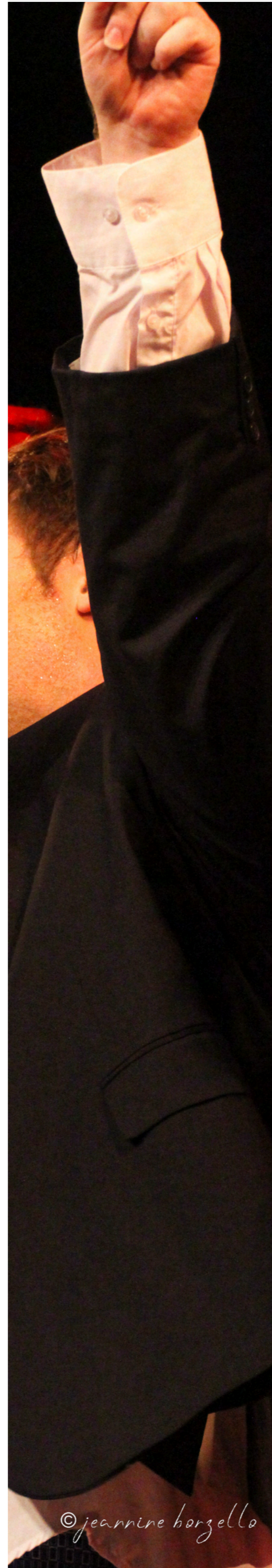


# OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE:

A **LITTLE**  
THEATRE  
WITH A  
**BIG**  
IMPACT



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# IN THE 2023-24 SEASON, WE...

## OFFERED

**9**

Full productions

**74**

Classes, camps,  
and workshops

**80+**

Field trip  
opportunities

## REACHED

**29K+**

Total community  
members

**7K+**

Children and  
youth

**234**

Local artists

## AND WERE SUPPORTED BY

**780**

Volunteers

**27**

Organizational  
funders

**700+**

Individual donors

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# FINDING HOME ON RLT'S STAGES

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Our 2023-24 performance season brought together stories of characters exploring the relationship between storytelling, identity, and place.

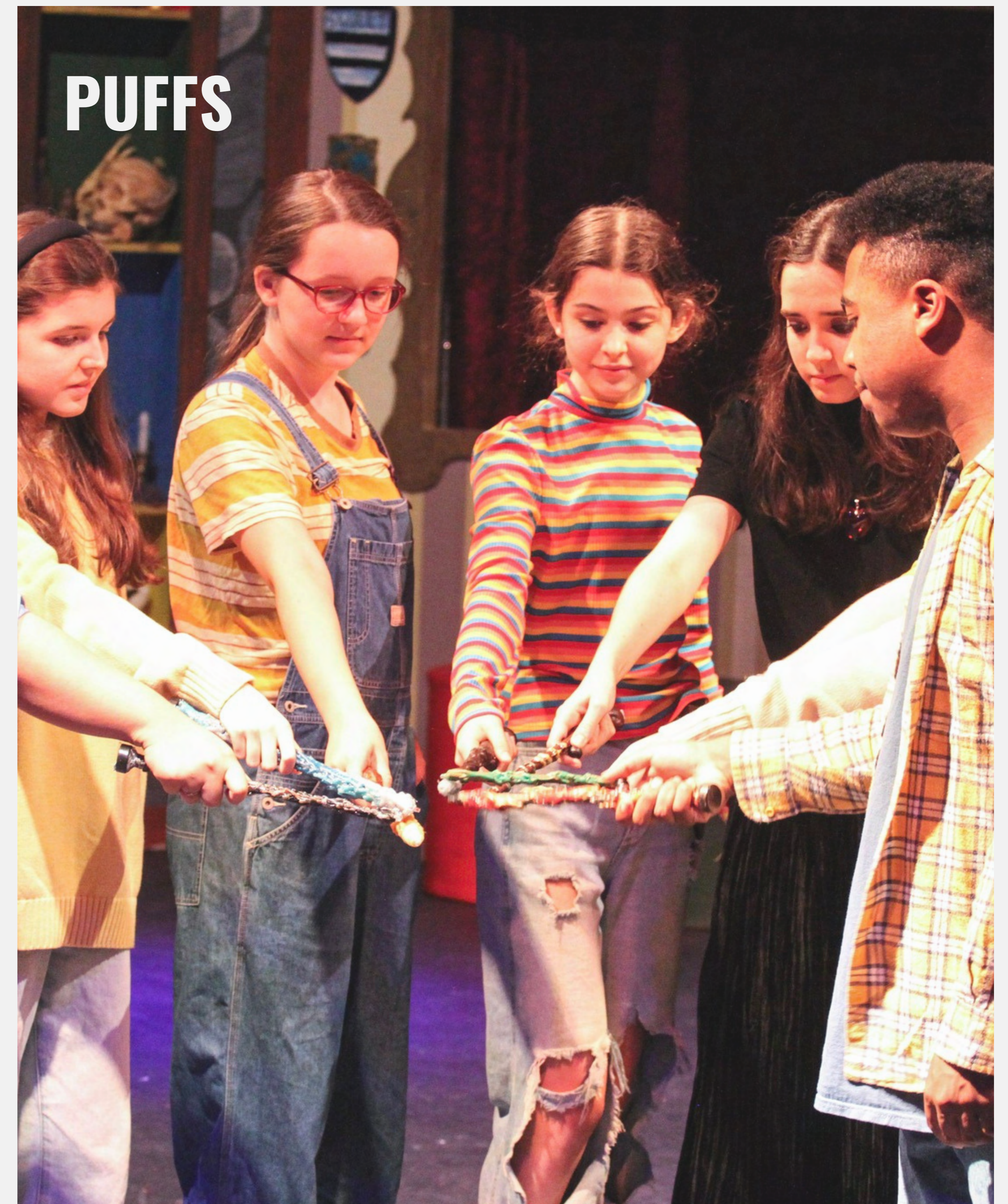
The season included **Curtains**, a witty and hilarious musical whodunit featuring music from Kander and Ebb; William Goldman's adaptation of Stephen King's psychological thriller **Misery**; the surprisingly funny yet deeply piercing **Trouble in Mind** by Alice Childress; and the six-time Tony Award-winning musical from Harvey Fierstein and Cyndi Lauper, **Kinky Boots**.

Our Family Series featured three musicals for young audiences, including an inspiring and imaginative adaptation of **Last Stop on Market Street** by Gloria Bond Clunie; a funny and sweet story about the world's greatest boy detective, **Nate the Great**; and a 1970s rock musical celebrating the life of a baseball great, **Looking for Roberto Clemente**.

In addition, RLT presented the 39th annual production of **Cinderella** for the holiday season and a hilarious tale of a group of underdogs at a certain Wizard School, **Puffs** by Matt Cox, as the culmination of our Teens on Stage / Teens Backstage summer intensive program.

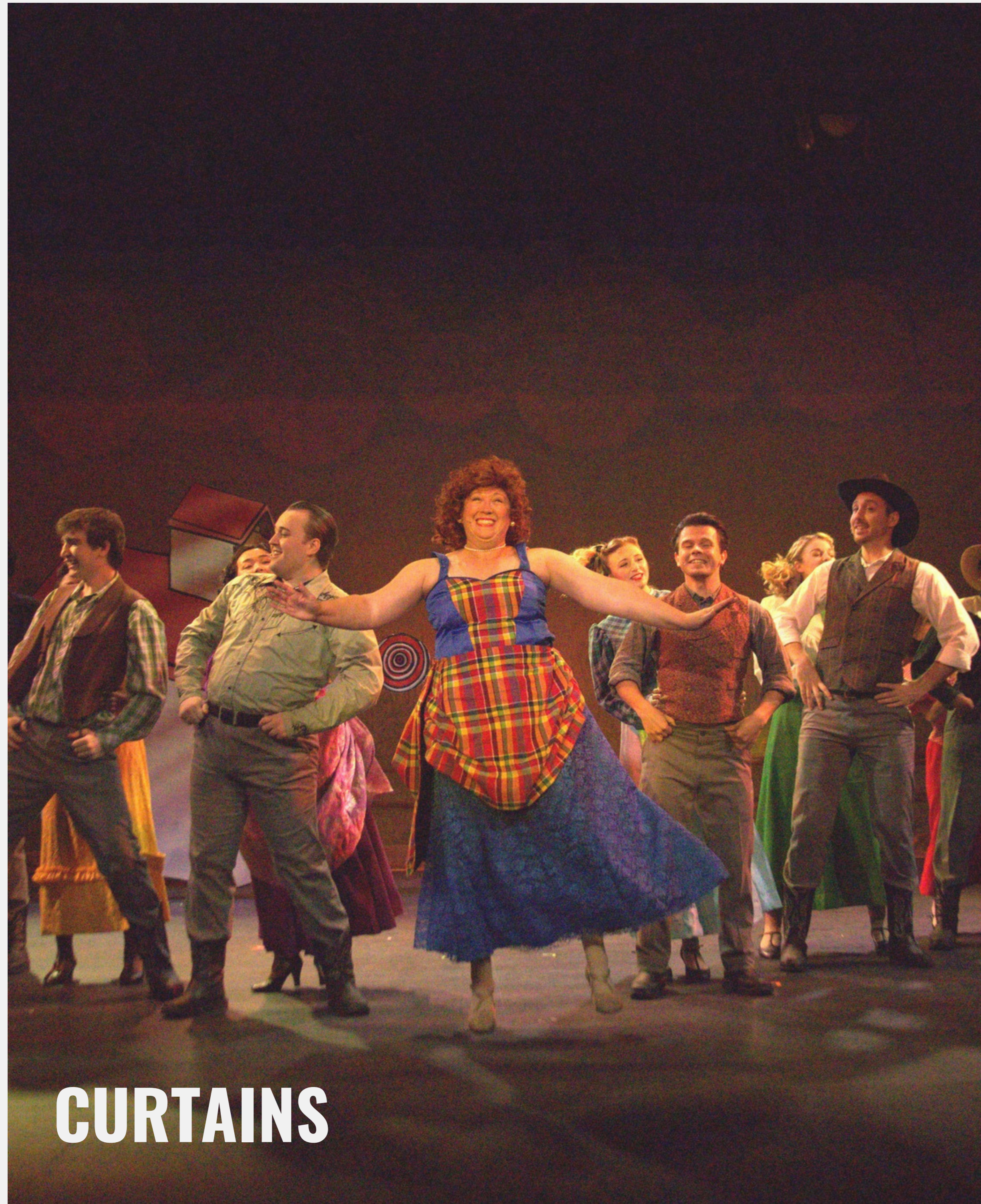
PRESENTED JULY 21 - 30, 2023  
DIRECTED BY ALEASE TIMBERS

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PRESENTED AUGUST 11 - 27, 2023  
DIRECTED BY AMY PRIDGEN & JESS BARBOUR

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# CURTAINS

PRESENTED SEPTEMBER 16 - 24, 2023  
DIRECTED BY TERRA HODGE

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# LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET

PRESENTED OCTOBER 20 - NOVEMBER 5, 2023  
DIRECTED BY SEAN A. BROSNAHAN

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# MISERY



PRESENTED DECEMBER 1 - 17, 2023  
DIRECTED BY LAURA BESS JERNIGAN

PHOTO BY CINDY MCENERY

# CINDERELLA



PRESENTED FEBRUARY 2 - 18, 2024  
DIRECTED BY KATHLEEN RUDOLPH

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# NATE THE GREAT



PRESENTED MARCH 15 - 31, 2024  
DIRECTED BY KEN HINTON

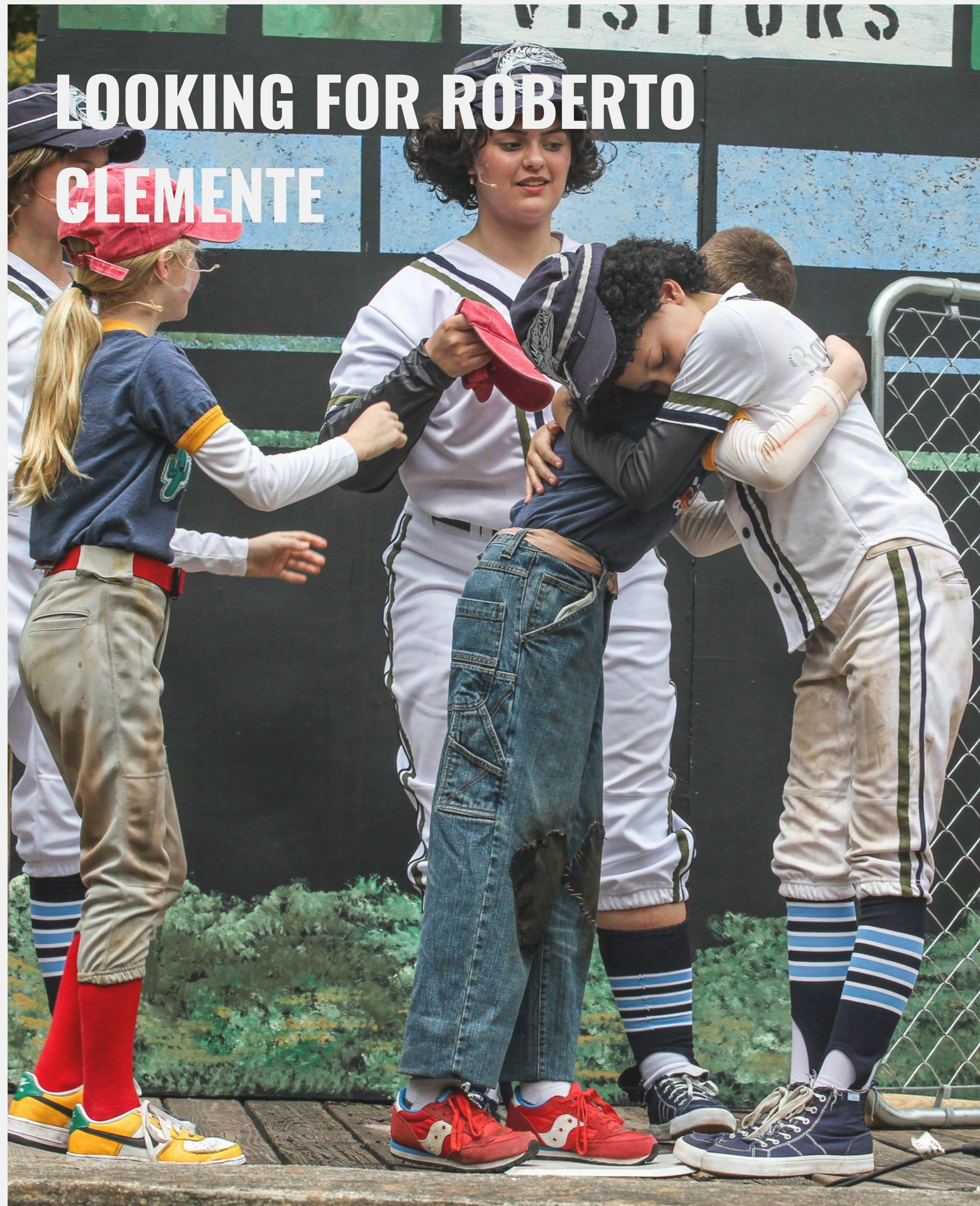
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# TROUBLE IN MIND



PRESENTED MAY 4 - 12, 2024  
DIRECTED BY BARBETTE HUNTER

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PRESENTED JUNE 7 - 23, 2024  
DIRECTED BY JESSE GEPHART

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# FEELING THE ENERGY IN OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS



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RLT's staff, teaching artists, volunteers, students, and parents were **fired up for theatre education** this year.

Education is at the heart of Raleigh Little Theatre's mission. We aren't just a performance venue – we're a hub of community, where individuals of all ages, interests, abilities, and backgrounds can come together to share stories and learn new skills.

RLT's education program is growing! In the 2023-24 year, we welcomed new staff, students, and artists to our classrooms and expanded our offerings to meet increasing demand. Classes included old favorites like **Story Drama Together** and new forays into **The Art of Voiceover**, while our free workshop series expanded on tracks in **Directing** and **Stage Management** to include a new course in **Theatrical Design**.

Outside the classroom walls, we created opportunities to engage interactively with our performance programming through **show talkbacks**, **story walks**, **curriculum guides**, and more.

And we continued to partner with public, private, and homeschool groups to bring theatre experiences to as many children in our community as possible. Through **field trip workshops**, **school matinee performances**, and **in-school residencies**, we reached over 4,000 Wake County students.

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## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

**704**  
Youth students

**208**  
Adult students

**+7**  
New classes added

**+20%**  
Total increase in enrollment



# HOW DOES

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# RLT



# MAKE YOU FEEL?

## BY THE NUMBERS

Respondents who Agree or Strongly Agree that they...



“IT WAS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE, AS A PARENT, KNOWING THAT MY DAUGHTER WAS SAFE AND FULLY INCLUDED IN THE CLASS. I CAN'T EXPRESS ENOUGH **HOW HAPPY WE ARE** THAT SHE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY.”



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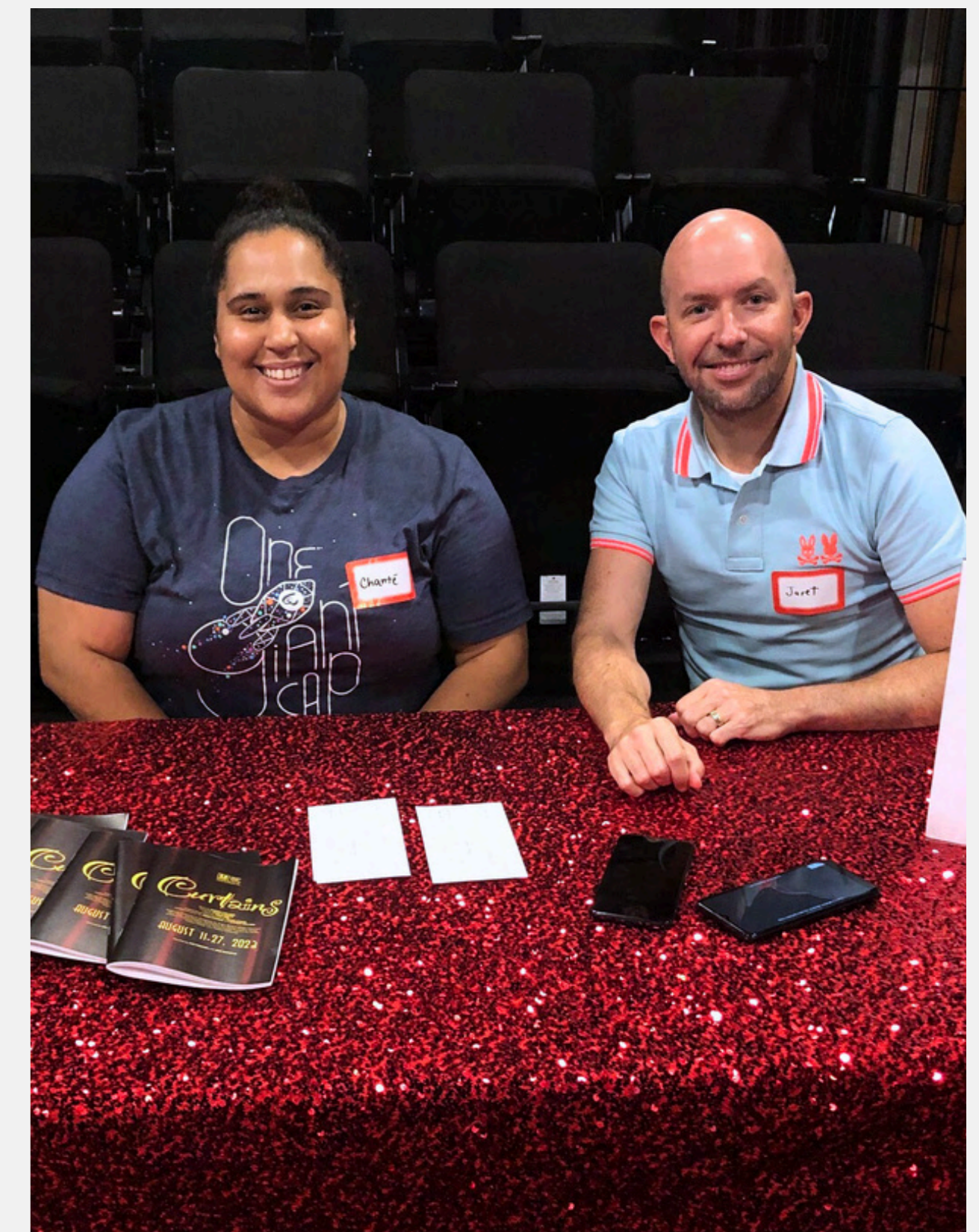
# RLT VOLUNTEERS PUT THE COMMUNITY IN COMMUNITY THEATRE

With a small full-time staff, we rely on the generous time and energy of our volunteers every single day.

This year, 780 volunteers showed up for RLT. They served as ushers, house managers, actors, dressers, and teaching assistants. They sewed costumes, built sets, directed traffic, stuffed envelopes, led tours, sold concessions, organized archives, and ran lights. They came to auditions and school shows and *Divas!*, got here early and stayed late.

They made our work possible.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered with us this year.



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MADE THIS YEAR'S  
WORK POSSIBLE  
AND WHO  
CONTINUE TO FUND  
OUR FUTURE.**

**THIS IS YOUR  
IMPACT IN ACTION.**

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