

May 2017

Greetings!

**Portage Center for the Arts is pleased to again offer you and your students the opportunity to attend our Zona Gale Young People's Theatre (ZGYPT) productions: theatre by kids, for kids, and for the young at heart!** This year, we are again offering two shows, one in September and one in Spring 2018. Choose which show you'd like to attend, or take advantage of our package deal, and bring your students to see BOTH shows!

**Our annual fall production features Roald Dahl's classic book about the 24-foot-high Big Friendly Giant and a little orphan named Sophie, directed by Xan S. Johnson.** *The BFG* brings to the stage some of Dahl's most memorable characters, as the BFG and Sophie team up to save the children of England from all the mean and nasty giants! They are assisted by the Queen of England and the Heads of the Army and Airforce as they move between the BFG's cave in Giant Country, Dream Country, and Buckingham Palace!

**We are also pleased to offer a spring production this year, with direction by Dr. Tom McEvilly.** Dates and production information are still being finalized. Please stay tuned for additional information, coming soon!

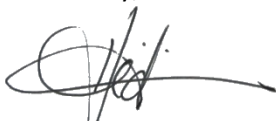
Dr. Johnson is the long time Artistic Director of the Zona Gale Young People's Theatre here at Portage Center for the Arts. He has also been a professor in the Department of Theatre at the University of Utah since 1982, and has toured his internationally recognized youth program, Theater School for Youth, to dozens of major cities around the US.

Dr. McEvilly has been teaching and directing in the field of Child Drama for most of his career, including 4 years at UW-Madison, two national tours, 20 years of teaching Acting and Creative Dramatics at the graduate level for Viterbo University, and 5 years of professional Children's Theatre in Europe.

**We hope you will accept this invitation and join us for one, or perhaps both youth theatre productions!**

Seating is limited. Please call the PCA office at 608-742-5655 to reserve your seats for these production(s) today! Please find additional information on the reverse of this letter.

Sincerely,



Heidi Royal  
Executive Director

## 2017 Zona Gale Young People's Theatre Productions

# the BFG

Directed by Dr. Xan S. Johnson

### **School Shows** *(please allow roughly 90 minutes for show run-time and discussion)*

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 9:00 am

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 12:30 pm

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 9:00am

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 12:30pm

### **Themes/Issues Explored**

Morality and ethics, language and communication, friendship, appearances.

More detailed learning connections for classroom use will be available late summer/early fall.

## Spring Production to be announced...

*Directed by Dr. Tom McEvilly*

### **School Shows** *(these dates are subject to change)*

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:00 am

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 12:30 pm

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 9:00am

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2016 at 12:30pm

### **Themes/Issues Explored**

Being finalized.

### **Admission** *(your choice, one show)\**

Students \$5

Teachers & Chaperones/No Charge

*\*Add on the second production for only \$3 more: a 2 show package for only \$8*

*If you sign up only for the fall production, and later decide to attend both, we will honor the reduced rate.*

### **Target Audience for Both Shows**

Grades K-6

### **Reservations**

Make your reservations today via phone or email. Space is limited. Numbers will be confirmed in September and February, respectively.