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**Dallas Children's Theater Announces Show Schedule for 2024-2025 Season Packed with Imagination, Empowerment and Magical Entertainment**

*Audiences will enjoy professional shows that will uncover tales of courageous characters learning life lessons, discovering their passions, and conquering the world!*

(DALLAS) – Nationally recognized Dallas Children's Theater (DCT) proudly announces its 41<sup>st</sup> season of live theater serving the city's youth and families. The 2024-25 season features innovative performances by exceptional professional actors that provide entertainment while nurturing mental wellbeing, empathy and inspiration in young hearts.

“At DCT we believe in empowering young minds to explore experiences outside their own in an environment that fosters kindness and understanding,” said Samantha Turner, Executive Director at DCT. “A show like *Grace for President* invites young people into the electoral process in a way that is friendly, competitive and exciting. We also know that many of our families are multi-generational, some grandparents and parents saw *James and the Giant Peach* on our stage when they were young and now, they can experience it again with new eyes by bringing their own children and grandchildren.”

**Sept. 28 – Oct. 20, 2024**

DCT's season will kick off Sept. 28 with the timely and topical *GRACE FOR PRESIDENT*, an adaption of the book by Kelly DiPucchio. The show follows the journey of Grace, a young girl who decides to run for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class president after learning there has never been a female president. Join Grace and her classmates as they learn about the election process, freedom, and the importance of being true to yourself.

**Nov. 23-Dec. 22, 2024**

The beloved holiday tradition returns as *A Charlie Brown Christmas* reunites the Peanuts gang on the DCT stage. The Baker Theater will be transformed into a skating rink as Vince Guaraldi's iconic holiday music is performed live. Nostalgia and holiday warmth will fill the air as Charlie Brown and friends discover the true meaning of Christmas.

**Jan. 25-Feb. 23, 2025**

Prepare to go on a groovy road trip in early 2025 in this DCT premiere directed by Ali Betsill! Follow *Pete the Cat* on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure from deep under the sea to Paris's enchanting, jazzy streets as he helps his new pal Jimmy conquer 2nd-grade art in a sweet story of friendship and acceptance. It is impossible not to love Pete in this toe-tapping musical!

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### **March 28-30, 2025**

In a limited-time special engagement in March 2025, Lightwire Theater presents *Dino-Light*, a visually stunning glow-in-the-dark adventure that has been praised by audiences all over the world for its cutting-edge blend of puppetry, technology, and dance! Lightwire Theater was featured as a semi-finalist on Season 7 of NBC's *America's Got Talent*.

### **April 19-May 24, 2025**

Get ready to dive into a thrilling journey in the larger-than-life play *James and the Giant Peach* based on the beloved Roald Dahl novel! Witness the magic that changes James' life and join him and his newfound friends as they travel the world in a giant peach on an extraordinary quest in search of freedom, happiness, and a better life.

"There's something for everyone here at DCT, which is reflected in the wide variety of topics and stories we are telling onstage," said Turner. "It's our mission to empower and inspire each child that steps foot in our theater, whether it's their first time experiencing live theater or their 10<sup>th</sup> performance."

Attendees of DCT shows can take part in special pre- and post-performance activities, such as meeting with Santa before the *A Charlie Brown Christmas* show. Families can extend the experience with thought-provoking discussion guides provided after each show, helping parents explore topics and themes covered in the performance with their children.

In addition to its professional shows, DCT also offers a broad array of academy classes for children of all ages and abilities that allow the creativity and talent within each child to flourish. DCT brings together professional artists, designers, playwrights and educators to create an outstanding experience for children and their families.

Tickets for the 2024-2025 season will go on sale August 2. To learn more about the shows and to purchase individual or season tickets, please visit [here](#).

### **About Dallas Children's Theater®**

Dallas Children's Theater features professional actors performing for an annual audience of 150,000 young people and their families through mainstage productions and an arts-in-education program. As the only major organization in Dallas focusing solely on youth and family theater, DCT builds bridges of understanding between generations and cultures, instilling an early appreciation of literature, art and the performing arts in tomorrow's artists and patrons.