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## **Oregon Children's Theatre is moving!**

- **Increasing opportunities to serve our students and community**

Portland, OR – Oregon Children's Theatre is pleased to announce that we are moving our offices and studios to a new location. Beginning in January of 2012, we will relocate to 1939 NE Sandy Boulevard in Portland.

We have outgrown our current space in the Galleria building. Over the last five years, our Acting Academy classes have been filled to bursting. With additional studio space, we will be able to increase our class offerings and provide extra opportunities for hands on learning for our students. We were fortunate to find a new space that suits our needs perfectly!

Tucked between the Laurelhurst and Buckman neighborhoods, and the Lloyd District; and just minutes from downtown, our new location features:

- 2 beautiful, custom-built acting studios
- 1 media studio dedicated to film/camera work, vocal work, and coaching
- A 100-seat black box theater
- Greater performance opportunities for students
- Free parking
- Secure check in and check out
- Parent waiting rooms with wireless internet service

"This move truly fulfills our vision for expanding the breadth and depth of OCT's theater education programs," says Ross McKeen, OCT's Managing Director. "While it's a big change from our familiar home in downtown Portland, we're excited about becoming a visible and vital part of a community surrounded by neighborhoods and schools."

The new facility will create a number of opportunities, including doubling the number of our studios from two to four, offering a larger black box performance space where we will continue our Young Professional Presents studio shows (with even more flexibility in our sets, lights, seating, and choice of shows), and creating rental opportunities from other organizations and groups.

With only two studios in our current location, our ability to meet the demand for classes has been constrained by space, and we are excited about the opportunity to expand our after school, weekend, and summer class programs. Our classes often sell out early, and demand for summer classes has grown such that we rent as many as four additional spaces. The need for studio space for rehearsals, play development workshops, and meetings has also exploded as the scope of our programming has grown.

**We will continue to produce our mainstage season on the professional stages of the Newmark and Winningstad Theatres.**

Founded in 1988, Oregon Children's Theatre is Oregon's largest non-profit professional children's theater company and a resident company of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. Performances are held weekdays for school audiences and on weekends for family audiences. OCT serves more than 120,000 children of all ages each year. OCT offers numerous school services including study guides, teacher professional development opportunities, in-school workshops, and an extensive outreach program. In partnership with Kaiser Permanente, our Educational Theatre Program provides free touring productions that promote healthy living. OCT's year round Acting Academy offers theater classes for children ages 4-17.

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