



Youth Theatre Northwest

Jan 23 – Feb 8, 2015

at the Stroum Jewish Comm Center

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## “Leapin’ lizards! Annie takes center stage!”

**Annie Jr. performs January 23 – February 8, 2015**

**(Mercer Island, WA)** – Each year, Youth Theatre Northwest (YTN) produces dynamic theatre for thousands of families, introducing young audiences to the magic of the performing arts while inspiring young actors with the magic of creative play and the thrill of live performance. Come celebrate our amazing legacy and join us for our 31<sup>st</sup> Season!

Youth Theatre takes the New Year by storm with one of the world’s most beloved musicals. **Annie Jr. opens Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and performs through Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** Based on Harold Gray’s popular comic strip *Little Orphan Annie*, this delightful musical about a rambunctious little red head has charmed audiences for over 40 years. **Annie Jr.’s** book was written by **Thomas Meehan**, with music by **Charles Strouse** and lyrics by **Martin Charnin**. YTN’s uplifting production features talented youth actors from across the Puget Sound region and is directed by **Kim Douthit** with musical direction by **Julie Parsons** and Choreography by **Jenny Hall**. Performances will be held at the Stroum Jewish Community Center located at 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA. For tickets and information visit [YouthTheatre.org](http://YouthTheatre.org) or call 206-232-4145.

**Description:** Little orphan Annie will charm your heart as she searches for her long lost parents and a home far away from the cruel orphanage. With the help of her lovable mutt Sandy and billionaire Oliver Warbucks, the happiness Annie craves may be just around the corner or “another day away.”

**Annie Jr.** is best for ages 5+.

**Tickets:** **Annie Jr.** performs in the auditorium of the Stroum Jewish Community Center, January 23 – February 8. Show times are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2:00 p.m. The theatre is located at 3801 East Mercer Way on Mercer Island. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for youth/seniors for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Opening Night Gala, which includes an intermission dessert buffet. All other performances are \$15 for adults and \$13 for youth/seniors. Tickets may be purchased in advance at [www.YouthTheatre.org](http://www.YouthTheatre.org) or at the door. Please note: tickets cannot be purchased at the main office of the Stroum Jewish Community Center.

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**Performance Schedule:**

Opening	Friday, January 23	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, January 24	No performances
	Sunday, January 25	2:00 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Friday, January 30	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, January 31	2:00 p.m.
	Saturday, January 31	7:00 p.m.
	Sunday, February 1	2:00 p.m.
3rd Week	Friday, February 6	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, February 7	2:00 p.m.
	Saturday, February 7	7:00 p.m.
Closing	Sunday, February 8	2:00 p.m.

**The Cast & Production Team:** The cast of *Annie Jr.* features some of Youth Theatre’s brightest young talent. The cast of 30 actors are from Mercer Island, Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah and Newcastle.

*Annie Jr.* comes to life through the creative talents of its dynamic production team. At YTN, professional theatre artists are brought into to collaborate and mentor the young talent. **Annie’s** production team includes set design by **Robin Macartney**, costumes by **Natasha Gier**, properties by **Christy Fox**, Lighting by **Emily Leong**, and stage management by **Laura Knotte**.

**About Youth Theatre:** Youth Theatre Northwest (YTN) nurtures the intellectual, artistic, and personal development of children and youth through drama, education, performing opportunities, and live theatre experiences. YTN is both theatre and school, providing a wide range of classes and programs designed to further theatrical learning, initiate creative play, and stimulate intrapersonal development for children and young adults age 3-18. Additionally, YTN offers classes to Puget Sound students and offers outreach programs to schools and libraries throughout the region. Youth Theatre Northwest will continue its 31st Season with a production *Avenue Q: the Musical*, performing March 6 – 22 in Studio 4 at Theatre Puget Sound, located at the Seattle Center. For a full season line-up, visit [YouthTheatre.org](http://YouthTheatre.org).

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