

## The Little Theatre: A Jewel in Winston-Salem's Crown

As the City of Arts and Innovation, there is no question that one of the brightest jewels in Winston-Salem's crown is The Little Theatre. Originally conceptualized on the campus of Salem Academy in 1935, The Little Theatre is the oldest performing arts organization in Winston-Salem and one of the longest running theaters in the country.

In its earliest days, The Little Theatre utilized a number of performance spaces in Winston-Salem before moving in to a large, dedicated space on Coliseum Drive in the late 1950s. Just in the last few years has The Little Theatre left that space and their performances are now taking the stage in various locations in town, most recently the wildly popular "An Old Salem Christmas Carol," which took place at SECCA over the holiday season.

"It is from the support of donors and sponsors that we have been able to deliver highest quality productions and education to all ages for so many years," said Lane Fields, Executive Director. "In the coming months, you can see Shakespeare in Love, Man of la Mancha and Das Barbecu, a fast-paced, country western musical comedy (yes, you read that right). We are a right around the corner from announcing our 85th season, themed Magic, Mischief and Mayhem and have even more jaw-dropping titles to share for you and your families in 2019 and 2020."

On the brink of an incredible 85th season, The Little Theatre of Winston-Salem continues to offer classic and contemporary plays and musicals, classes, summer camps, and school productions with the help of hundreds of talented and dedicated volunteers. Acting classes continue to be offered for children, teens and adults alike. The Little Theatre is truly a theater for the community and by the community.