

# Outreach

The Academy of Arts Ministries Newsletter

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A SUMMER OF fulfillment



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The Lord worked in incredible ways this summer to show Himself strong through a wide variety of events. Our staff worked tirelessly to prepare for the coming Fall ministries as well as to minister to hundreds of people during the busy summer months. Here are the exciting events that took place over the course of this summer:



## *Summer Drama Teams*

We held Training Camp for 2 weeks for our 3 Summer Drama Teams who then traveled for 7 weeks to 95 churches across the Midwest, East and Southern States. This was our 46th summer of ministry for the Summer Teams and we received wonderful reports from people who saw this year's production "Dare to Stand." This powerful play spoke directly to modern Christians to be bold in our obedience to the Lord, knowing that we will be in the minority as we stand for truth in a sin-filled world. Below are words of testimony

*"...I came down stairs and saw your folks intermingled, surrounding our kids. Your people praying with our kids-it brought me to tears."*

-Pastor from Illinois

*"The message was tremendous. I was impressed with how closely the drama stuck to the Scriptures."* -Pastor from Indiana

*"On a scale of 1 to 10, it was an 11!"*

-Pastor from Indiana



## *Film & Stunt Camp*

The next week we ran a film and stunt camp where we shot a short film – "Flip's Father." The script was written by Dr. Chavers when he was only 16 years old, and our staff and several film campers filmed this over the course of just one week. The film is in post-production now and we are preparing to announce the premiere of the film shortly!



# *fulfillment*

## *Day Camp*



After the conclusion of our Film Camp, we jumped straight into our Summer Day Camp where we had campers come for one week to receive hands-on training in costumes, stage makeup, acting and directing. The week concluded with the campers doing their own performance from a play on the life of Amy Carmichael.

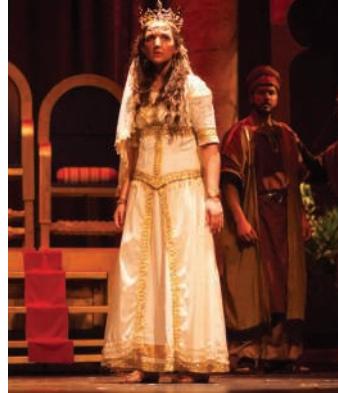
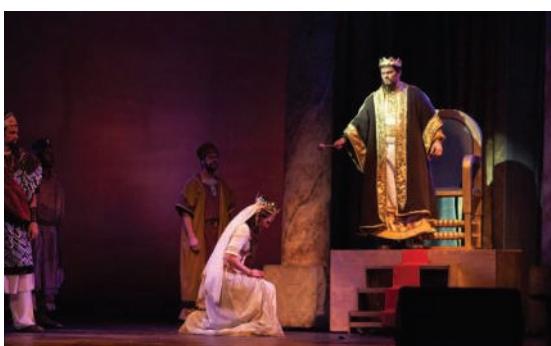
## *The Little Red Hen*

Next, our staff tackled a brand new elementary play entitled “The Little Red Hen.” Nicole Chavers Stratton wrote the script for this amazing children’s musical and Dr. Chavers wrote 8 original songs. The story and songs masterfully wove in wonderful life lessons on hard work and consequences for actions. We had such an overwhelming response from children wanting to be involved, that our staff prepared not one, but two separate casts of young people to perform by the end of the week! Our Logos Theatre was packed for each adorable, yet thought-provoking, performance.



# *Esther*

After finishing with the elementary, we turned our sights towards another brand new production – “Esther.” Nicole had a burden to write a play on Esther for more than 16 years and it was well worth the wait! After rehearsing and working for 2 weeks with campers and staff, we performed for 2 sold-out audiences who were blown away by the towering sets, incredible soundtrack, authentic costumes, and of course, the gripping biblical story itself.



# *Scotland*

Finally, a group of our staff set out with 24 high school students to Scotland! Yes, Scotland! Some of our high school students had been nominated and accepted to go to The American High School Theatre Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland and this festival runs in conjunction with the Fringe Festival – the largest fine arts festival in the world where 47 countries were represented! After shipping a full set, costumes, and the great lion Aslan himself across the ocean, our group performed



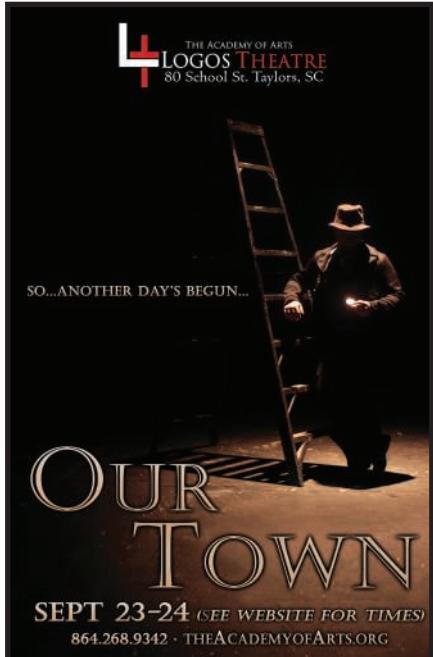


*"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"* 4 times. However, one of the greatest outreaches we had was on the Royal Mile, the main street in Edinburgh, where tens of thousands of tourists and performers gathered. We walked Aslan down this street, and we were thronged by people taking pictures and asking who we were and what we were doing. Praise the Lord for giving us such a wide open door to not tell people simply about a play, but to also give them "a reason of the hope" that was in us. Beyond that, the high school students had many conversations with the other high school students who were there representing other schools from across North America. Because of the excellence of our production, our students had a wide open door to share the Gospel over and over again! One of our students was able to lead another student from Canada to the Lord, and many seeds were planted in hearts as we talked with teachers and students alike about our purpose for using drama as a tool to share hope, joy, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We truly cannot put into words our thanks to so many of you who prayed and supported our team to go on this trip of a lifetime! Only eternity will tell the scope of impact that your prayers and giving had through our team!

Thank you again for your prayers and your support!



# Upcoming



SEPT 23-24, 2016  
*Tickets: \$10/\$5*

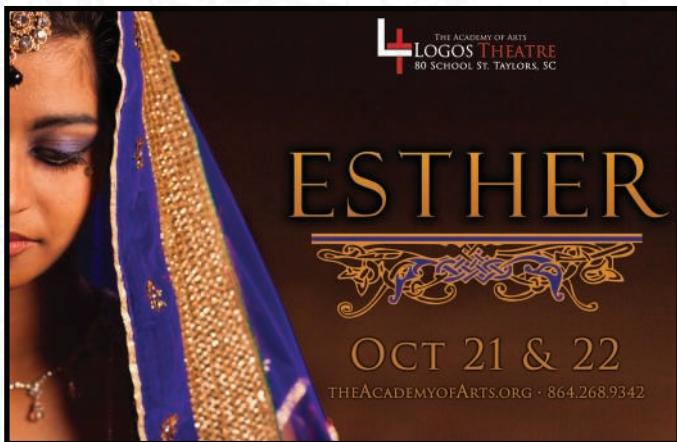
Thornton Wilder's classic is brought to the Logos Theatre stage by the students in the Academy of Arts Conservatory. Through wonderful humor, great tragedy, and simple everyday happenings, this story powerfully depicts the importance of using every moment we are given to the fullest.

OCT 18, 2016  
*Tickets: \$20*

After 17 years and nearly 2,000 concerts performing, mentoring and coaching as tenor in one of the world's most sought-after vocal ensembles, The King's Singers, Grammy Award winner Paul Phoenix comes to the Logos Stage for night of beautiful singing and inspiration.



OCT 21-22, 2016  
*Tickets: \$25/\$20\*\**



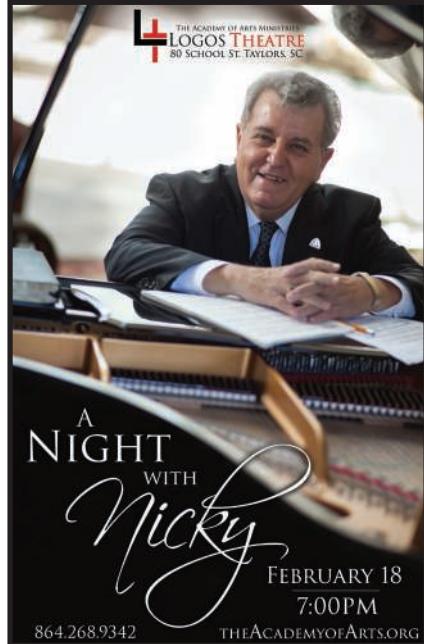
This dramatic portrayal of the true story of Queen Esther is sure to stir your heart and remind you that we serve the God of the impossible who delights in healing the broken hearted and bringing triumph out of tragedy!

*\*\*See website for ticket discounts!*

# EVENTS

DEC 2-3, 2016  
*Tickets: \$15/\$10*

Come enjoy an unforgettable concert with our Founder and President, Nicky Chavers, as he sings many of his favorite selections, both of his original music as well as several beloved love songs. Also, two of his original songs from the Logos Theatre's Christmas classic "Silent Star" will be performed with full choreography on the stage. This is night you will not want to miss!



DEC 16-JAN 21  
*Tickets: \$45/\$40/\$35\*\**

If you enjoyed The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, then you will not want to miss the featured production of our 2016-2017 Season, Prince Caspian! This epic production will be making its FIRST appearance worldwide on a professional level on the Logos Theatre stage and will bring you to the world of Narnia in a new and unforgettable way!

*\*\*See website for ticket discounts!*

MARCH 17-18, 2017  
*Tickets: \$20/\$15*

This amazing concert has quickly become a favorite at the Logos Theatre and we are delighted to bring it to you once again this coming spring! If you enjoy live Celtic music, singing and dancing then you will not want to miss this incredible concert that celebrates the many seasons of life through music and song.



MAY 20, 2017: STUDENT RECITAL \*See Website for details

# Join the Movement!

Will you be one of the

## 50 FOR \$500

to help produce "Prince Caspian"  
on a professional level?



We are asking for 50 people to give \$500 for this year to produce "*Prince Caspian*." This is the first time this production has ever been done on a professional level. We heard raving reports continually about "*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*" so would you help us take the next epic Narnian tale to new heights?

Our professional and unique methods of spreading hope, joy, and the Gospel in a quickly darkening world cannot continue without your help. Please prayerfully consider investing in us so we can continue to invest into you and into others!

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