# Thalian Association Community Theatre announces

Teacher Resource Guides and Lesson Plan Activities for all Youth Theatre Productions. Printable resources are available on our website thalian.org. Click on Youth Theatre using the pulldown button, click on Teacher Resources.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE SOON FOR 2016-2017 SEASON!

#### Theatre Arts in the classroom

As part of Thalian Association Community Theatre's dedication to the enrichment of arts education for our community's youth, these resources are intended to provide helpful information for teachers and students to use before and after attending our performances.

**Educators are** encouraged to use our resource suggestions as springboards to lead your students into meaningful learning, extending the dramatic experience of the plays.

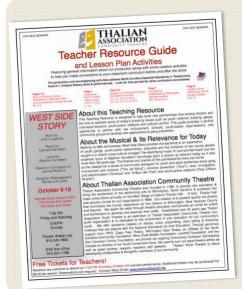
#### Writing or drawing contests for

**students** are included in most resource guides with prizes of: being published on our website; free tickets to a show; one academy class free for 3 months; one free theatre workshop for your entire classroom!

Free Tickets For Teachers for all special preview nights, with additional tickets available for only 6.00 each. Reservations are required, contact: reservations@thalian.org

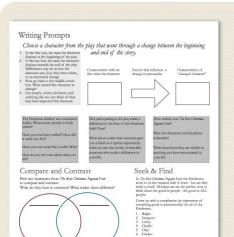
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Community Theatre

Making Arts Accessible to our Community!



#### **FEATURING:**

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRODUCTION ALONG WITH SOME CREATIVE ACTIVITIES TO HELP YOU MAKE CONNECTIONS TO YOUR CLASSROOM CURRICULUM & COMMUNITY SERVICE, BEFORE AND AFTER THE SHOW.



# ESSENTIAL

THE PRODUCTION &
ACCOMPANYING ACTIVITIES
ADDRESS NORTH CAROLINA
ESSENTIAL STANDARDS IN

THEATRE ARTS, A.1, 3.A.1.2, SOCIAL STUDIES, 2.C&G.2, 2.C&G.2.2

Vocabulary Enrichment	Fact or Opinion?
The following sentences are drawn directly from the text of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Students can derive meanings	Review the following statements and decide if each is a fact or an opinion.
of the highlighted words by hearing them in context.	<ul> <li>The Hermans were the worst kids in the history of the world.</li> </ul>
Mom said Mrs. Slocum was in traction. How can she talk on the	<ul> <li>The Herdmans stole doughnuts from the faremen.</li> </ul>
phone if she's in traction?	<ul> <li>Imogene Herdman played the part of Mary in the Christmas</li> </ul>
Remind the Angel choir not to stare at the audience and don't	Pageant.
let them wear clunky shoes or high heels.	Gladys Herdman had more spirit than any other child who
You little children will be our angels so please remind your	ever played the Angel.  The Herdmans' cat was mean.
mothers that you'll need bed sheets.	<ul> <li>The Fredmans cat was mean.</li> <li>Mrs. Bradley did a better job directing the Christmas pageant</li> </ul>
	than Mrs. Armstrong.
Miss Grachner, the librarian, told Mother that she might as well	<ul> <li>Alice kept notes about the pageant rehearsal in her diary.</li> </ul>
retire.	<ul> <li>Mrs. Armstrong got wrapped up in her telephone cord and</li> </ul>
We put Gladys in a bureau drawer.	broke her leg
Out of the black night with horrible vengeance, the Mighty Marvol	<ul> <li>Gladys thinks they should name the play Revenge at Bethlehem.</li> </ul>
On Christmas Eve, the church was jammed full. Everybody	<ul> <li>Firefighters came to the church because of smoke during the</li> </ul>
came to see what the Hermans would do.	final dress rehearsal.
	<ul> <li>As a Wise Man, Leroy gave a baked harn instead of Frankingense.</li> </ul>
"Not a very Christian sentiment," my father said.	Prantincense.
Questions for Discussion	N.C. Common Core Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy L1.4a: Use sentence-lever context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
The Herdmans are called "the worst kids in the history of the	and What was come of the thirty than did to one this
	to the girls) and talked dirty and hit little kids and cassed their teachers and took
the name of the Lord in rain and set fire to Fred Shumaker's broken a	
<ol><li>What did the Herdmans hear for the first time, at the first reh</li></ol>	
interested in the characters and events described in the play.	
	sey rewrite the play in their perspective? The title, in their opinions, should
really be "Revenye at Bethlehom" with the Wise Men as child-welfare a	
<ol> <li>When it came time to assign parts for the Christmas pageant,</li> </ol>	
Gladys Herdman was playing the angel and the kids were afreid that sl	
<ol> <li>The Hendman's did not attend church, so what prompted their refreshment were served in Sanday school.</li> </ol>	
6. Although we do not learn much about their parents in the pla	or this is what is written in the bank about the Herdman's resents:
	s or anything about him, because when Gladys was two years old he
	med him. Now and then you'd see Mrs. Herdman, walking the cat on
	ble shifts at the shoe factory and wasn't home much. So the
Hendmans pretty much looked after themselves	
Answer using Complete Sente	nces
Should children be responsible for their own behavior or short	
<ol><li>How did the Herdmans change from the beginning of the ste</li></ol>	
	of their participation in the Christmas pageant? Why or why not?
4. What lessons did the church members learn from watching th	
5. What do you think is the moral of the story?	
N.C. Common Core Standards for English Language Aris and Lite information presented orally or through other media.	racy SL2: Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or

#### COMMON CORE

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COMMON CORE STANDARDS FOR

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY, R.L.1.2, L1.4A, SL.2, W.5.3

COMMON CORE STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY RL.9

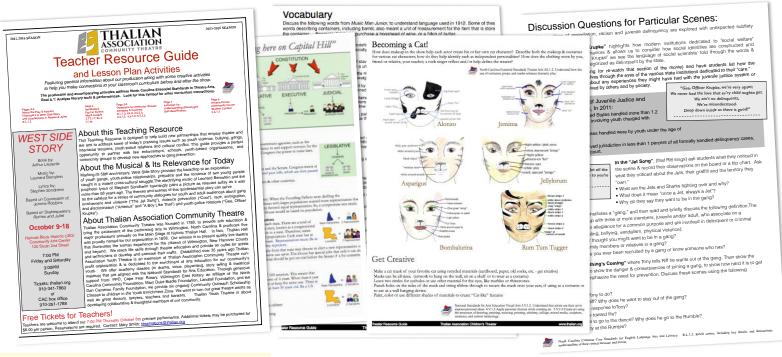
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#### Free Tickets For Teachers!

October 13th, November 30th, January 19th, February 23rd & April 27th



#### 2016-2017 Season

#### Grease

October 14 - 23, 2016 Free Tickets for Teachers October 13th!

#### Elf Jr

December 1-4, 2016

Free Tickets for Teachers November 30th

#### Disney's The Little Mermaid In Concert

January 20 - 29, 2017 Free Tickets for Teachers January 19th

#### Really Rosie

February 24 - March 5, 2017 Free Tickets for Teachers February 23rd

#### A Chorus Line

April 28 - May 7, 2017 Free Tickets for Teachers April 27th

All performances are on the Second Street
Stage at the Hannah Block Historic USO/
Community Arts Center
(Corner of Second and Orange Streets)

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Featuring General information about our production along with some creative activities to help you make connections to your classroom curriculum & community service, before and after the show.

The production and accompanying activities address:

#### North Carolina Essential Standards in Theatre Arts,

Goal A.1: Analyze literary texts and performances. 3.A.1.2: Evaluate formal or informal theatre productions in terms of the emotions or thoughts they evoke.

**North Carolina Essential Standards in Social Studies** 2.C & G.2 Understanding the roles and responsibilities of citizens. 2.C&G.2.2 Explain why it is important for citizens to participate in their community.

#### North Carolina Common Core Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy:

R.L.1.2: Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message and lesson. L1.4a: Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
SL.2: Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. W.5.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details and clear event sequences.

Common Core Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy RL.9.Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories.