

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.

November 18-27, 2022

Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm

Sundays at 3:00 pm

2nd Street Stage

Hannah Block Historic USO/Community
Arts Center

120 South 2nd Street



The holiday classic soars off the screen in this Broadway Junior, 60-minute musical adaptation of the beloved television special. Filled with holiday hits like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "A Holly Jolly Christmas," *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer JR.* features all your favorite characters including Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Rudolph. It's an adventure that teaches us that what makes you different can be what makes you special.

About the Thalian Association

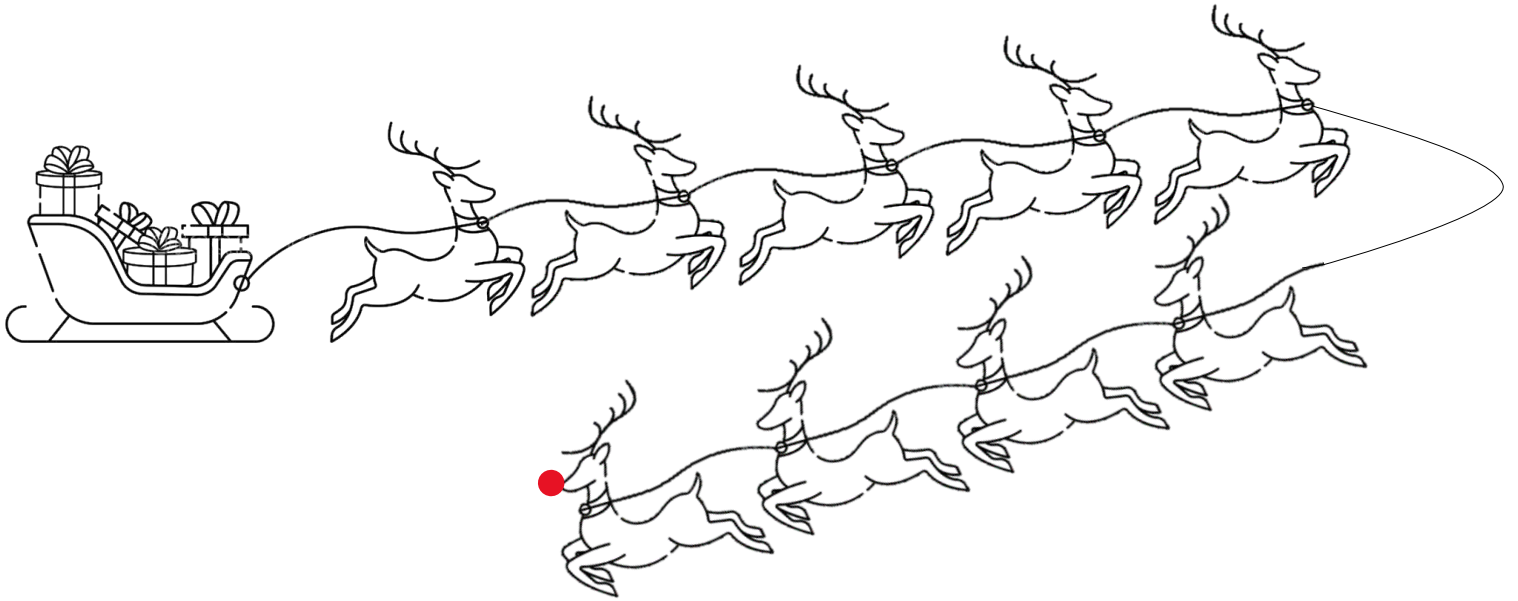
Thalian Association Community Theatre is a non-profit, membership organization that's dedicated to enhancing the rich artistic environment of the Cape Fear region. Tracing



its roots back to 1788, the Thalian Association Community Theatre was founded to provide arts education and bring the excitement of the performing arts to Wilmington, North Carolina. Today the Thalian Association Community Theatre produces five major productions annually on the Main Stage at historic Thalian Hall, offers a Youth Theatre program and professionally manages the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center for the City of Wilmington. In 2007, the North Carolina legislature named the Thalian Association Community Theatre the Official Community Theater of North Carolina.

Name that Reindeer!

Do you know the names of all the reindeer? Write their names by the reindeer below and then color in the picture. Hint: Who has the red nose?



Reindeer Math

Now count the reindeer carefully. How many reindeer are there?

Answer:

If you took away one third of the reindeer, how many reindeer would Santa have to pull his sleigh?

Answer:

Would it be possible to take away exactly half of the reindeer? How many would that be? Remember, in this case you can't have a fraction of a reindeer!

Answer:



If you multiplied the original number of reindeer by 2, how many reindeer would Santa have to pull his sleigh?

Answer:

If you added three more reindeer to the original number and then took away four reindeer, how many would there be?

Answer:



Even though many of the reindeer are mean to him, Rudolph makes new friends with two racoons, two bunnies, and two little birds. Add all of them together to find out how many new friends Rudolph has!

Answer:



Reading with Rudolph

Do you know the song “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” by Johnny Marks? The song was based on the original 1939 story published by the Montgomery Ward Company. The company commissioned the story as a free Christmas promotion for their customers.



The story was written by Robert L. May, a copywriter who worked for Montgomery Ward. The story is a poem written in anapestic tetrameter, a poetic meter also used by Dr. Seuss and “’Twas the Night Before Christmas.” Parts of Rudolph’s story were based on May’s personal experiences being bullied as a child.

In 1948, May’s brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, wrote a song starring Rudolph. Although the song was rejected at first by many popular singers of the time like Bing Crosby and Dinah Shore, Gene Autry recorded the song in 1949 and it became an instant success.

Read the lyrics to the song below and answer the following questions!

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer
and Vixen
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen
But do you recall
The most famous reindeer of all?

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows

All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
You'll go down in history"

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1. Why was Rudolph embarrassed about his appearance?



2. Was Rudolph bullied by the other reindeer? What do you think about bullying?

3. Why does Santa need Rudolph to guide his sleigh?



4. Why does Rudolph's unique appearance make him famous?

5. What do you think the central message is behind the song? How does Rudolph's story tell us that our differences make us special?

Art Activity – Color Rudolph and Hermey

