## **UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR**

At the end of August, we welcomed the largest group of students into The Academy of Arts Christian Conservatory we have ever had! Our staff is looking forward with anticipation to the opportunities to invest into these dear young people and help disciple them to have a closer walk with the Lord and

a better understanding of how to be effective communicators for the cause of Christ. This growth is exciting, but please pray for us as we are out of space in our current facility. We are looking into several options for expansion and we look forward with anticipation to how the Lord will provide.

#### UPCOMING PERFORMANCE SEASON











SEPTEMBER 15-30

FEBRUARY - APRIL 2018

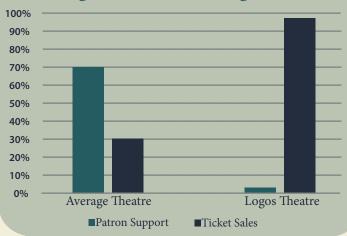
With a wonderful slate of productions and opportunities in front of us this year in the Logos Theatre, we would ask for your prayers and your consideration for a vitally important matter. For 10 years now, the Logos Theatre has been bringing excellent, professional, familyfriendly productions to the stage. We have been able to do this almost entirely through the major sacrifice of our dear staff and the financial assistance of just a few faithful supporters.

An average theatre operates with 60% to 70% of their operating costs covered through patrons, with only 30% to 40% covered through ticket sales. However, the Logos Theatre has only 3% of its operating costs covered by patrons, while we attempt to cover 97% of our operating costs through ticket sales. As you can see in the graph, this makes us rely almost completely on selling tickets to keep our doors open.

We want to keep bringing Broadway level productions to you. We want to continue to give your children unbelievable opportunities to use and develop their abilities and talents for the Lord. We want to continue to see lives changed through the power of truth being given out in such a creative and exciting way. However, with the level of professionalism we maintain for our productions, this is not sustainable.

Please pray for us and consider being a patron of the Logos! If you cannot support the Logos Theatre financially, then please spread the word to others that can. The "magic that happens on the Logos stage" cannot continue without people seeing the need and being willing to help.





For levels of patronage, contact Jennifer Davis at 864.268.9342 or jswain@theAcademyofArts.org

Thank you





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# Dear Friends.

The Lord has done some amazing things at the Academy of Arts this past year! Our young staff has been working tirelessly to teach, train, and inspire the next generation of young people to properly use the universal gift of communication to evangelize the lost and edify other believers through a variety of events.

#### PRINCE CASPIAN

Debuts on the Logos Theatre stage!

In the spring, we had the privilege to perform the world premiere of **Prince Caspian** on a professional level with Douglas Gresham, C.S. Lewis' step-son, coming all the way from the island of Malta to see the opening performances. He absolutely loved the play and was thrilled with the professionalism, the heart of our staff, and our attention to detail with how we stayed true to the actual story of his father's original work. He was so impressed with the production that he even strongly encouraged our Artistic Director, Nicole Stratton, to continue adapting his step-father's works for the stage

and said he would love to come back for the next production! We performed **Prince Caspian** 16 times on the Logos Theatre stage with *every* performance sold out!

This past summer, we brought **Prince Caspian** back to the Logos stage for 12 more performances. Nearly 80% of our crowds that came were brand new to the Logos! How exciting to see so many new people coming through our doors and being exposed to wholesome, exciting, and uplifting truth.







#### **SUMMER CAMPS**

Film Camp

Ben Maciejack, our Media Director, led our 3rd Annual First Unit Film Camp where we welcomed in nearly 30 young people. Through instructive and interactive teaching, each young person gained practical and valuable skills such as using a high-end professional camera, operating camera equipment, lighting design, film makeup and much more. Most importantly, each participant was challenged to use their desire in visual storytelling for others' good and God's glory.



### Drama Camp

Shortly after Film Camp, almost 60 enthusiastic and excited elementary kids came bounding into the Logos Theatre to be involved in our newest children's production, **The Ant and the Grasshopper**. Written by Nicole Stratton and Dr. Nicky Chavers, this witty and charming musical told the story of one little ant who realizes there is absolute truth and it must be stood for at all costs. Parents and friends loved watching their little "bugs" on the stage as they acted out these exciting and thought-provoking truths.



# **SUMMER DRAMA MINISTRY PROGRAM**

Throughout all these events, 18 high school and college age young people invested their summer into ministering along with our staff.

Team 1





From traveling to churches to present a dramatic and musical presentation entitled **The Harvest Field**, to being involved in the **Prince Caspian** performances, to learning new skills in a variety of different camps, these young people had a summer they will never forget!

Team 2