



**News Release**  
**Virginia Repertory Theatre**

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Virginia Repertory Theatre Presents  
***The Emperor's New Clothes***

**Richmond, VA** -- Virginia Repertory Theatre presents its fall Children's show, **The Emperor's New Clothes**, running from Oct 20 - Nov 12. The musical is based on the original story by Hans Christian Andersen, and was adapted by Richard Giersch with music by Jason Marks, who is also the musical director. Jan Guarino will direct.

The musical is most appreciated by children ages 4-10, and will be presented in the Jessie Bogese Theatre at Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education. The theatre is located at 4204 Hermitage Rd. in the Bellevue area, in the former Scottish Rite Temple which Virginia Rep bought in the fall of 2022. The theatre holds 650 people so bring the whole family.

The classic fable is brought to life in this Hans Christian Andersen story of greed and privilege. When it comes to fashion and... well, everything... this emperor knows it all, or so he thinks. The emperor has decreed that color and music are banned from the kingdom and are only allowed in his castle. Two charlatans persuade the emperor that they have the world's most exquisite fabric. The emperor pays the "tailors" a fortune for his new clothes, but when he parades through town in his new wardrobe, a good-hearted, honest child shouts out what everyone else is thinking!

Subscriptions are available for the entire Children's Season, including ***The Santa Clues***, ***Chasing George Washington: A White House Adventure***, ***Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed***, ***The Rock Experience*** and ***Dragons Love Tacos***.

**The cast includes:**

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| Ian Page        | Emperor  |
| Corey Powell    | Greysuede (Understudy Emperor)                   |
| Destin Scott    | Flannel  |
| Sawyer Fitch    | Flannel  |
| Audrey Snyder   | Mrs. Flanagan                                    |
| Clarence Ilanan | Mr. Broadcloth                                   |
| Chandler Pettus | Silk   |
| Hannah Chester  | Cashmere   |
| Emma Robinson   | Ensemble 1 (Understudy Mrs. Flanagan/Cashmere)   |
| Joey Gravins    | Ensemble 2 (Understudy Greysuede/Mr. Broadcloth) |
| Erin Chaves     | Ensemble 3 (Understudy Silk)                     |

**Direction & Design**

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| Direction                | Jan Guarino                               |
| Music Direction          | Jason Marks                               |
| Original Scenic Design   | Terrie Powers                             |
| Scenic Design Adaptation | Mercedes Schaum                           |
| Lighting Design          | Steve Koehler                             |
| Costume Design           | Co-Designers Sue Griffin and Marcia Haley |
| Stage Management         | Hannah Hoffert                            |

**Ticket Information**

**Box Office:** 804-282-2620 or [www.virginiarep.org](http://www.virginiarep.org)

Full Price Tickets: \$21, Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.

Run Time: 60 minutes

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**About Virginia Repertory Theatre**

Virginia Repertory Theatre is a regional professional theater headquartered in downtown Richmond, and is one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep stages three primary seasons – the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, the Barksdale Season at Hanover Tavern and the Children’s Season at Virginia Rep

Center for Arts and Education. Virginia Rep also tours children's shows, both virtual and live, and provides educational programming to schools throughout Virginia and to major performing arts centers throughout 32 states.

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