

## News Release Virginia Repertory Theatre

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# Virginia Repertory Theatre Announces Three More Shows In the 2022/2023 Children's Season Shows

**Richmond, VA –** Virginia Repertory Theatre will present three more shows in 2023 at its new Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education, 4204 Hermitage Road in Northside. All three will be staged in the Jessica M. Bogese Theatre, which holds 650 patrons.

"It was an extremely successful holiday season, as we welcomed 2,662 patrons to our inaugural holiday musical in our new space. *'Twas the Night before Christmas* was a very popular show for all generations. One performance had over 400 people. Many patrons shared warm memories of seeing shows on this stage over the years," said Todd D. Norris, Artistic Director of Education. "We appreciate the community's support of our purchase of the former Scottish Rite Temple, and we felt very welcomed to the Bellevue neighborhood."

Single Show Tickets are \$21, or only \$17 per show (\$51 total) if bundled in a 3+ Flex Subscription. Buy online at virginiarep.org or call the Box Office at 804-282-2620.

She Persisted, The Musical

Feb. 17 - Mar. 12, 2023 Script and lyrics by Adam Tobin Music by Deborah Wicks La Puma Adapted from the book written by Chelsea Clinton and illustrated by Alexandra Boiger Fourth-grader Naomi's field trip to a Women's History Museum turns into a time travel adventure where she encounters inspirational women who have overcome barriers and made waves throughout U.S. history. From activists to athletes, artists and more, the musical features the stories of female trailblazers such as Harriet Tubman, Virginia Apgar, Ruby Bridges, Sally Ride, Florence Griffith Joyner, and Sonia Sotomayor.

#### Elephant and Piggie's "We Are In A Play!"

April 14- May 7, 2023 Book and Lyrics by Mo Willems Music by Deborah Wicks La Puma

Based on the *Elephant & Piggie* books by Mo Willems.

The imagination of Mo Willems returns to the stage in this rollicking vaudevillian romp, perfect for introducing young people to the joy of putting on a play. An elephant named Gerald and a pig named Piggie solve problems, sing, make each other laugh, and even teach the audience a dance known as the Flippy Floppy Floory.

#### GOLD: The Midas Musical

Jul. 14- Aug. 6, 2023 Book, Music, and Lyrics by Min Kahng

This is the story of King Midas who, after the death of his wife, hardens his heart and turns to greed for solace. When Dionysus, the god of having a good time, offers him the power of the Golden Touch, Midas can't refuse. Only his daughter, Lydia, believes that the King can return to the man he used to be, and she'll do everything in her power to get her father back. Using contemporary pop and musical theatre styles, this energized and expanded retelling of the Greek myth invites parents and children to remember that nothing can replace the value of your family.

### 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 will stage three primary seasons in 2022-2023: the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, the Barksdale Season at the Hanover Tavern. Virginia, and the Children's Season at Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education, 4204 Hermitage Road in Richmond's Northside. 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.