



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

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Virginia Repertory Theatre Presents  
*Elephant & Piggie's "We are in a Play!"*

**Richmond, VA** -- Virginia Repertory Theatre presents the Children's Season show *Elephant and Piggie's "We are in a Play!"* in the Jessica Bogese Theatre at the new Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education, 4204 Hermitage Rd. This adorable musical is based on a combination of six *Elephant and Piggie* books by Mo Willems; and revolves around an elephant named Gerald and a pig named Piggie who are BEST friends.

Gerald worries that something could go wrong that might end their friendship, but Piggie isn't worried at all. She's excited, because she and Gerald have been invited to a party by the Squirrelles - three singing squirrels who love to have a good time. Gerald and Piggie have MANY adventures together, all while singing and dancing.

The musical is best appreciated by ages 3-7 years old.

The cast includes Chelsea Majors as Piggie, Ian Page as Gerald, Hannah Leigh Thomas as Squirrelle 1, Brenna Duffy as Squirrelle 2/Mail Dog, and Erin Chaves as Squirrelle 3/Penguin.

**About the Author:**

Mo Willems has written and drawn pictures for 24 *Elephant and Piggie* books. He also wrote *Knuffle Bunny*, which Virginia Repertory Theatre has produced, and *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*

Read more about Mo Willems on his website: <https://mowillemsworkshop.com/>

The full artistic/production team is below:

**Direction & Design**

Direction	Susan Sanford
Music Direction	Jason Marks
Scenic Design	Mercedes Schaum
Lighting Design	Matthew Landwehr
Costume Design	Marcia Halley
Stage Management	Hannah Hoffert

**Ticket Information**

**Box Office:** 804-282-2620

[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 will stage three primary seasons in 2022-2023 – 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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