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## **CFRT POSTPONES 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF “THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER,” ANNOUNCES NEW WINTER CAMP**

*Fayetteville, NC*—Cape Fear Regional Theatre’s annual production of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever has become a holiday staple for many Fayetteville residents. Since 1990, Barbara Robinson’s tale about the wild Herdman kids has delighted audiences of all ages in the lead up to the holiday season. This year’s production would have marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary production, and CFRT has made the decision to postpone this landmark production until 2021.

“BCPE has taken on special meaning over the last 29 years. It is a family favorite that engages with more than 7,000 attendees through public performances and student matinees featuring nearly 180 local youth and community members who bring the production to life.” Says Mary Kate Burke, CFRT’s Artistic Director. “We knew that in this pandemic year, we weren’t going to be able to do justice to the anniversary production. By postponing until December 2021, we hope that we will be able to enthusiastically celebrate 30 years of the Herdmans bringing Fayetteville together. We know how many kids look forward to participating in BCPE each year, and we hope that, with the Herdmans on hiatus, those kids will join us for Charlie Brown instead!”

Over 7 weeks, Winter Campers will join Lucy, Linus, Snoopy, and of course, Charlie Brown for a holiday adventure that arrives at the true heart of Christmas. CFRT’s new Winter Camp will offer two different rehearsal options, Monday & Wednesdays (Nov. 2-Dec. 16), and Tuesday & Thursdays (Nov. 3-Dec. 17) from 3:30-6:00pm, where kids ages 8-14 will rehearse “A Charlie Brown Christmas.” Winter Camp will follow the same structure and safety guidelines as CFRT’s highly successful summer camps. Camps will be in person with only 15 kids per group to follow social distancing guidelines and other safety precautions to provide a safe and fun holiday experience. The price is \$200 with military and multi-sibling discounts available. Need based scholarships are available.

“CFRT understands, now more than ever, how important it is for student’s mental and physical health to have the opportunity to interact with other students in person. We are committed to providing a safe environment where students can continue to create and grow as individuals and artists,” says Education Director Marc de la Concha.

To learn more and to enroll your child, visit [www.CFRT.org/education/](http://www.CFRT.org/education/).

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and outreach efforts. We provide the region a place to come together to laugh harder, think deeper, share our experiences and grow as a community.