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## **CAPE FEAR REGIONAL THEATRE RECEIVES SUMMERTIME KIDS GRANT FROM THE CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Fayetteville, NC-- CAPE FEAR REGIONAL THEATRE (CFRT) is pleased to announce the receipt of the Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.'s Summertime Kids grant. This \$6,000 grant will provide deserving youth scholarships to attend CFRT's 2024 Summer Theatre Camps.

CFRT's Summer Theatre Camp impacts hundreds of youth ages 6-19 each year by providing critical artistic enrichment. This year, CFRT will produce 10 summer camp sessions including *Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids* for children 6-9; *Legally Blonde Jr.* for children 10-14; and finally, a three-week teen summer stock experience for students 15-19 who will perform *Our Town*. In addition to classes and rehearsals, students will take part in theatre games and group activities designed to build self-confidence and teamwork. CFRT's Education Director, Marc de la Concha, who starred as Gomez in CFRT'S recent smash hit, *The Addams Family*, will oversee the program.

"The incredible generosity of the Cumberland Community Foundation and their donors for the Summertime Kids Grant has been instrumental in aiding our mission to remove cost as a barrier to the arts for youth in our community. Their support has helped CFRT cultivate creative environments through our summer camps that encourage children from a variety of backgrounds to express themselves and learn from one another." – Marc de la Concha, Education & Outreach Director

For more information about Cape Fear Regional Theatre's Summer Theatre Camps, please visit [cfrt.org](http://cfrt.org) or call Marc de la Concha, Education & Outreach Director, at 910-323-4234 ext 244.

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**About Cape Fear Regional Theatre:** Cape Fear Regional Theatre believes in the power of storytelling and the visceral impact of live theatre. We strive for the highest standards of excellence in our artistic work, educational offerings, 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. Now approaching its 63rd season, CFRT serves ~50,000 people annually including ~20,000 children and youth. Over the course of each five-show season, CFRT contracts actors, writers, and designers from North Carolina and across the country. The theatre has become a launch pad for early career artists who go on to National Tours and Broadway Stages and an artistic home for seasoned veterans. The stories told onstage at CFRT reflect diverse perspectives and represent those populations in cast, crew, and audiences that are at least 60% diverse.