

Stockton's Summer Playhouse Children's Series Debuts with 'James & the Giant Peach' on July 20

'The Princess & the Pirate,' July 27 and 'Pinkalicious the Musical,' Aug. 3

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GALLOWAY, N.J. – The Stockton Performing Arts Center, in conjunction with The Greater Ocean City Theatre Company, will premiere its Stockton Playhouse summer children's theatre lineup with Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach" on **Wednesday, July 20**.

Also coming up in the series are "The Princess and the Pirate" on **Wednesday, July 27**; and "Pinkalicious The Musical" on **Wednesday, Aug. 3**.

Show time is 10:30 a.m. and the productions will be presented in the Campus Theatre, located in the Campus Center on the main Galloway campus, 101 Vera King Farris Drive. Tickets are \$12 and may be ordered online at stockton.edu/pac or by calling the Box Office at (609) 652-9000. The Box Office is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 90 minutes before the performance. For group sales, call (609) 652-4786.

Wednesday, July 20: *Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach"*

Roald Dahl's beloved classic takes the stage in a new musical that is perfect for the entire family. One boy, two awful aunts, five larger-than-life insects, and a giant peach! What happens when magic crystals cause a withered old tree to create the largest and most magnificent peach ever seen? Luckily, a boy named James and a handful of bugs just happen to be nearby when the peach finally snaps free of its stem, and it sweeps them along on a marvelous adventure. From Tony-nominated creators Benj Pasek and Justin Paul.

Wednesday, July 27: *"The Princess and the Pirate"*

A World Premiere Production! What do you think happens when a Princess lives right next door to a Pirate? It's not easy staying prim, proper and polite with so much *swashbuckling* going on in your neighbor's backyard! Tea time turns into a food fight, a phony treasure map leads to a

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royal abduction and a storm at sea brings more trouble than *anybody* bargained for! But with a little imagination, Captain Jackson and Princess Cecily figure out how to turn their rivalry into an unlikely friendship.

Wednesday, Aug. 3: “Pinkalicious The Musical”

Pinkalicious loves pink and wants everything in her life to be pink. Her dream is to radiate pink. After over-indulging in pink cupcakes, she wakes up pink. She is thrilled to be pink and have her dream come true.

Her parents take her to the doctor, and she is diagnosed with pinkitis. On the way home, Pinkalicious plays at the playground but is attacked by birds and bees when she is mistaken for a pink flower. Her best friend doesn't even recognize her as she is camouflaged in the garden. At home, she eats another cupcake, and the next morning she wakes up red and develops pink eye pinkitis whereby she can only see the color pink. Now she must do something to fix her predicament.

She bravely follows the doctor's order to eat green food. Due to her new resolve, Pinkalicious is transformed back to normal. Pinkalicious has learned self-control and to be careful for what you wish for. Her brother, on the other hand, has eaten the last cupcake, turns pink, and shouts with glee: Pink-A-Boo!

For patrons with special needs, the **Stockton Performing Arts Center** offers wheelchair-accessible seating, large-type programs and listening-assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

The Stockton Performing Arts Center, the Jersey Shore's Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of Stockton University, on Vera King Farris Drive, off Jimmie Leeds Road, in Galloway Township. Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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