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KINGS YOUTH THEATER CONTINUES PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMER

Sugar Loaf, NY The Kings Youth Theater, a training program of the Kings Theatre Company at the Lycian Centre for the Performing Arts, is continuing its training program this summer with its performance workshop.

The six week program begins June 27th and takes place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Pavilion of the Lycian Centre in Sugar Loaf. Having this program at the Lycian Centre gives the students access to a professional theatre space with state of the art equipment.

The summer program is a performance workshop. Throughout the summer students will be learning and refining the craft of acting while rehearsing a new production. This session will be concentrating on developing a new version of The Hobbit, based on the novel by J.R.R. Tolkien. Students have been working through the winter developing script and performance techniques for this summer's workshop. The material is now ready for the next phase which culminates in two performances on August 6th and 7th. Students of all levels will be able to participate and play roles in the Hobbit. The workshop is limited to 20 and is expected to fill quickly.

The objective of the theater program is to provide young people, ages 13 – 20, from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to participate in a theatre experience that will develop confidence, responsibility, teamwork, and a greater sense of self and community.

Students will also have the opportunity to audition for the King Youth Theatre's performances of two children's productions, the titles of which will soon be announced.

Instructor Paul Ellis has forty years of experience in the theater business. He studied theater with Lee Strasberg, Peter Brook, Julian Beck and play writing with Jean Claude Van Ittallie. Ellis has directed over eighty plays and produced numerous concerts and festivals. He presently directs and produces for the Wharf series at the Lycian Centre. Mr. Ellis also writes and directs the Air Pirates Radio Theater now in its fifth season of presenting original radio plays.

The fee for the six week program is \$400. To register, call 845-469-2287 or visit the box office of the Lycian Centre Tuesday through Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. For information about the program or course content call 845-469-7563.

Kings Theatre Company is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization currently presenting and producing many of the shows held at the Lycian Centre. Lycian Centre for the Performing Arts is a state-of-the-art professional theatre committed to bringing high-quality cultural and entertainment events to the residents of the Mid-Hudson region.