

The State of the Pelican 2024

Community Theater in the Heart of it All. Miami Springs, Florida

Farewell Event for Our Founders October 2023

Ralph Wakefield and Nancy Jones retired from the Pelican Playhouse and moved on to more northern pastures, leaving the reigns to Sam Chesser, our current artistic director.





Did you know? Pelican
Playhouse is entering its 25th
year, making it one of the
longest running community
theaters in South Florida.

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Summer Recital 2023

We ended the previous fiscal year with our 2023 Summer Recital, which delighted audiences with scenes, monologues and musical numbers.









Halloween on the Circle 2023



Pelicans were decked out in costumes to help the City of Miami Springs celebrate Halloween on the Circle. We staffed the City's scare tent and provided chills and laughs for the families in attendance. Pelicans also gave away loads of yummy candy. The event was enjoyed by residents small and tall.



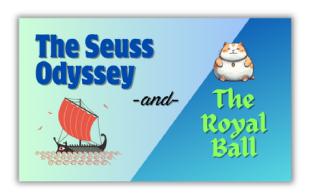


Young Pelican Holiday Show 2023



Our youngest Pelicans added dazzle to the Holidays with their poems, riddles, songs, and an adorable play, a Home for Charly.

The Seuss Odyssey & The Royal Ball



We brought back a crowd favorite – the uber-creative *The Seuss Odyssey*, along with the quirky and fun short play, *The Royal Ball*. More than 35 Pelicans performed this show ... in rhyme!









Creature Triple Feature

The Pelican Playhouse produced not one, not two, but three horrifyingly funny plays – full of zombies, chupacabras, toxic nuclear waste, dancing, and more.







DIRECTED BY SAM CHESSER

Featuring three plays: *Boy Zombie* by Clyde James Aragon, performed by special arrangement with Drama Notebook, *The Cryptid Survival Guide* by Don Zolidis, and *Attack of the Pom-Pom Zombies* by Stephen Murray, produced by Special Arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Company.

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Young Pelican Spring 2024 Show

Our youngest Pelicans performed several sing-along dance numbers, poems, riddles and more. Pelican Playhouse is a teaching theater that begins as early as age 5.





Summer Recital 2024

We will close out the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year with our annual Summer Recital in late August. There will be acting, singing, dancing, and more. Be sure to grab your tickets early as this one will likely sell out.



Visiting Organizations

During the recent year, the Pelican Playhouse was happy to help coordinate several visiting organizations for multiple productions, including a church, school, a Puerto Rican Musical Group, and the Florida Department of Transportation.



Pelican Playhouse is unique. We are an educational theater, a community theater, a youth and family theater, and an inter-generational theater. Our performers start as young as age 5 with no upper age limit. Often, parents perform right alongside their kids, and younger students learn from more experienced actors.

Theater teaches confidence, communication, teamwork, and creativity. Research shows that children who act/play/perform are more likely to be recognized for academic achievement — and they tend to have enhanced cognitive and social development.

Community theater and local arts also make our community stronger. We enrich the lives of those who take part in our workshops and performances, as well as those in the community who benefit from our productions. Studies show that arts and culture also have a positive impact on our local economy and tourism.

We invite you to join us -on stage, backstage, in the audience, or as a supporter.

*Sources: Scholastic Parents online magazine and Americans for the Arts