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2026 - 2027 Season 52

The Hut
(American Legion Log Cabin)
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Smithfield, North Carolina

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So much theatre! Come join us!



Individual Show Tickets:

Musicals:
\$20.00 online/pre-purchase • \$25.00 at door

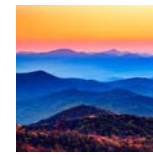
Non-musicals:
\$15.00 online/pre-purchase • \$18.00 at door

All ticket prices now include NC sales tax on entertainment events.

Season at a Glance

52nd Season

2026-2027



BRIGHT STAR

Directed by: Meta Toole

September 25, 26 & 27, 2026 at JCC
Auditions: 9+m/8w+ - July 20 & 21, 2026 - 7pm



A Christmas Story

Directed by: Patsy Castellano

December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 & 13, 2026
Auditions: 7+m/4+w - Sept. 28 & 29, 2026 - 7pm



THE CEMETERY CLUB

Directed by: Stephanie Veren

February 12, 13, 14, 19 & 20, 2027
Auditions: 1m/4w - Dec. 14 & 15, 2026 - 7pm



AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

Directed by: Tony Pender

April 2, 3, 4, 9 & 10, 2027
Auditions: 8m/3w- Feb. 15 & 16, 2027 - 7pm



The Complete Works of William Shakespeare
(abridged) [revised] AGAIN!

Directed by: Kathi Nixon

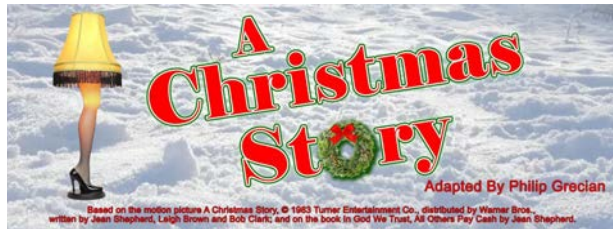
May 21, 22, 23, 28 & 29, 2027
Auditions: 3+m/w - April 5 & 6, 2027 - 7pm



A sweeping, heartfelt tale featuring a bluegrass score. Set against the vibrant backdrop of North Carolina in the 1920s and 1940s, this deeply emotional tale explores love, loss, and the transformative power of redemption. When literary editor Alice meets a young soldier just home from World War II, she is reminded of the secrets of her past. Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past revealing long buried secrets.

Bright Star is presented through special arrangement with, and all authorized performance materials are supplied by, Theatrical Rights Worldwide 1180 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 640, New York, NY 10036. www.theatricalrights.com

September 25 & 26, 2026—8PM
September 27, 2026—3PM
 at Johnston Community College



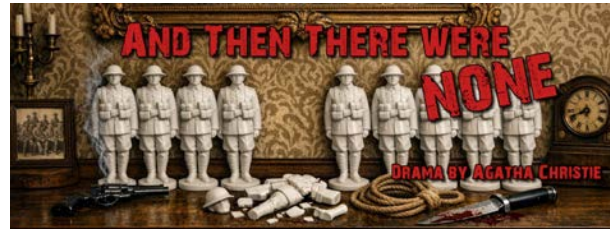
Humorist Jean Shepherd's memoir of growing up in the Midwest in the 1940s follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker who wants only one thing for Christmas: a Red Ryder BB gun. Ralphie battles doubting adults, school bullies, and holiday chaos while clinging to his wish. Ralphie pleads his case before his mother, his teacher and even Santa Claus himself, only to be told: "You'll shoot your eye out!" All the elements from the beloved movie including the tongue on a lamppost; the decoder pin; a major award; Ralphie's fantasy scenarios and more.

December 4 & 5, 2026—8PM
December 6, 2026—3PM
December 11 & 12, 2026—8PM
December 13, 2026—3PM



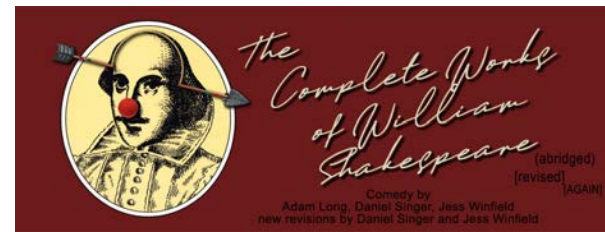
Three Jewish widows meet monthly for tea before going to honor their late husbands and visit the graves, but their routines and loyalties are tested when a widower, Sam, sparks new possibilities. Blending humor and poignancy as the women navigate grief, friendship, and the fear of moving forward. Ida longs for a fresh start, Lucille craves fun and attention, and Doris clings to tradition. When Sam's interest in Ida threatens the group's balance, tensions rise, forcing each woman to confront what it means to love, to let go, and to live fully again.

February 12 & 13, 2027—8PM
February 14, 2027—3PM
February 19 & 20, 2027—8PM



Ten strangers are lured to a remote island and accused of past crimes. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate. Soon, they begin dying one by one, each death echoing a sinister nursery rhyme, "Ten Little Soldier Boys." As fear and suspicion escalate, the survivors realize the killer must be among them, and no one can be trusted. A tightly constructed mystery where guilt, justice, and paranoia collide, leaving characters—and audiences—grappling with who, if anyone, will survive.

April 2 & 3, 2027—8PM
April 4, 2027—3PM
April 9 & 10, 2027—8PM



A fast-paced, irreverent comedy that tackles all of Shakespeare's plays in one uproarious show. Actors race through tragedies, comedies, and histories using slapstick, improvisation, and clever parody. Expect sword fights, romance, deaths, and mistaken identities – often all at once and never quite as expected. Whether you're a Shakespeare expert or a total newcomer, the play delivers big laughs while celebrating the enduring brilliance (and absurdity) of the Bard. A fast paced, witty, and physical experience that is full of laughter for Shakespeare lovers and haters alike.

May 21 & 22, 2027—8PM
May 23, 2027—3PM
May 28 & 29, 2027—8PM



Neuse Little Theatre's Summer Drama Program

Our popular camp program returns for another exciting summer. Neuse Little Theatre is proud to sponsor its summer program for students ages 8–18 to explore the fundamentals of theatre.

Campers will learn acting, stagecraft, and performance skills through hands-on activities led by experienced instructors. The session concludes with a fully staged production showcasing everything they've learned.

Though not part of NLT's regular season, we invite the community to support our next generation of performers.

Space is limited — sign up early.

Shows are held at the end of camp to showcase talent. Tickets will be available.



General Members # of Season Tickets

- # Member \$70.00 per 1 ticket
- # Senior Citizen (60 or older) \$65.00 per 1 ticket

Contributing Members

- Sponsor \$200.00 per 2 tickets
- Donor \$250.00 per 2 tickets
- Patron \$500.00 per 4 tickets
- Angel \$1000.00 per 8 tickets
- Corporate \$2000.00+ per 8 tickets
& mention as Corporate Sponsor on posters and front of programs for entire season.

Flex Tickets (not listed in the program or part of the membership)

- # Flex Tickets \$54.00 per book of 4 tickets

Payment form: Amount of payment: \$ _____

- Cash Enclosed is my check
- Charge my card (in person only)

Memberships and Flex tickets can be purchased online and redeemed as needed by visiting <https://nlt.booktix.com/>

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sign me up for the email newsletter

List me in the program as: _____

I do not wish to be listed in the program

I have a special need (no steps/hearing loop/wheelchair/etc.): _____

Please detach and include with payment to:

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