



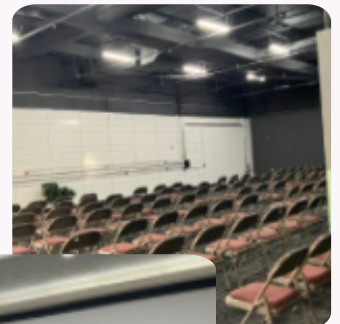
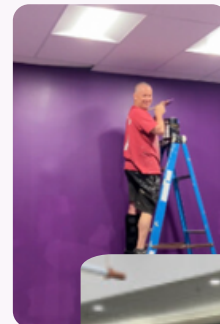
# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

*Exciting New Home and 2024 Program Highlights for CHM Bible Theatre!*



## THE WAIT IS OVER – DISCOVER OUR NEW SPACE!

We are thrilled to announce that CHM Bible Theatre (CHMBT) has a new home! Our new location at 300 S Broadway Ave, Lincoln Square #153 & 15D, Urbana, IL, provides us with the perfect space to present all our youth programs and dinner theatres!



# SUMMER YOUTH ART CAMPS

*Dates: June 3rd - July 20th*

## **Immersive Artistic Exploration:**

Over the course of 7 weeks, participants will dive into a wide range of artistic disciplines. They will engage in activities such as painting, drawing, sculpting, music, dance, and creative writing.

## **Theatre Performances:**

Campers will have the unique opportunity to participate in the production of short plays, including beloved stories like David & Goliath, Queen Esther, and Noah's Ark. Through these performances, they will learn essential theatre skills such as acting, stage presence, script analysis, and costume design.



## **Larger Production Opportunities:**

Beyond the short plays, campers will also be given the chance to audition for and participate in larger productions.

## **Skill Development:**

Throughout the camp, professional instructors and mentors will guide participants in honing their artistic skills.

## **Personal Growth:**

The camp is designed to be a safe and supporting environment where youth can build confidence, develop social skills, and foster friendships.

## **Showcase and Celebration:**

At the end of the camp, there will be a showcase event where campers can display their artwork and perform the plays they have worked on.



# AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**Starts August 14, 2024 - Open registration throughout the fall season.**

Our after-school programs are designed to provide a comprehensive and enriching experience for students throughout the school year. These programs offer a diverse array of activities aimed at promoting cognitive growth, foster creativity, and encouraging community engagement. Here is what participants can look forward to:

## **Creative Arts:**

Students will have the opportunity to explore various forms of artistic expression, including painting, sculpting and crafts. These activities not only allow for creative freedom but also help in developing fine motor skills and artistic talents.



## **Theater and Performance:**

Through drama classes and theatre workshops, participants will learn about acting, scriptwriting, stage design, and production. These sessions help build confidence, public speaking skills, and teamwork as students collaborate on performances and skits.

## **Music and Dance:**

Our music programs include instrument instruction and music theory classes, Dance workshops will cover different styles, allowing students to express themselves rhythmically and enhance their physical coordination.

## **Leadership and Life Skills:**

Special sessions focused on leadership development, communication, and teamwork will help students build essential life skills.

## **Community Engagement:**

Regular community service projects and outreach activities such as visits to nursing homes, orphanages, and local shelters, teach students the importance of giving back. These experiences foster a sense of social responsibility and empathy.



# BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST

The Back-to-School Blast is a vibrant outdoor event designed to bring the community together for a day of fun and celebration, featuring a variety of games and activities suitable for all ages. In our commitment to supporting the underserved members of our community, we will be distributing free school supplies to children in need. The event will also showcase the creative talents of local youth in an Art Fair, displaying artworks ranging from paintings and drawings to sculptures and crafts. Additionally, the Talent Show segment will provide young performers a platform to shine, showcasing their talents in music, dance, drama, and more, in front of an enthusiastic audience. Beyond being a fun day out, the Back-to-School Blast is an opportunity for the community to come together and support one another, with local businesses, volunteers, and families collaborating to create a welcoming and inclusive environment.



## THE JOB STORY

Join us on the 8th, 9th and 10th of November at our new location, Lincoln Square, to experience:

### Youth and Adult Collaboration:

This production features both youth and adult performers, fostering an intergenerational exchange of skills and experiences, with youth learning from seasoned actors.

### Comprehensive Experience:

Participants will be involved in various aspects of the production, including set design, costume creation, and stage management, offering a holistic understanding of theater.

### Community Engagement:

The production will include opportunities for audience interaction, such as post-show discussions and meet-and-greet sessions, enhancing community connection.



# CHRISTMAS SEASON

## **An Elegant Evening and Theatrical Performance:**

Join us for a sophisticated dinner theater event featuring a delicious meal in a beautifully decorated, festive atmosphere. Enjoy a delightful holiday-themed performance by our talented youth, showcasing classic Christmas stories and scenes including the Charlie Brown Christmas Story.



## **Youth Leadership and Artistic Activities:**

Our youth leaders will plan, host, and serve at the event, gaining valuable experience in leadership and hospitality. Additionally, our artistic youth will create beautiful Christmas cards and calendars, showcasing their creativity.

## **Community Outreach and Christmas Carols:**

These handmade Christmas cards and calendars will be delivered by our youth to senior citizens in local nursing homes, spreading holiday joy and fostering community connections.





# OUR EVENTS FOR 2024

JUNE 2024 - JULY 2024

SUMMER YOUTH ARTS CAMP (7 WEEKS)

ARTS & CRAFT, ACTING/THEATER  
LEADERSHIP & DIRECTING



AUGUST 17, 2024

BACK TO SCHOOL  
BLAST!

INFLATIBLES  
TALENT SHOW  
ART PROJECTS



JULY 2024

DAVID & GOLIATH  
A YOUTH BIBLE PLAY



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AUGUST 2024-DECEMBER 2024  
AFTERSCHOOL ART PROGRAMS  
FOR THE CREATIVE YOUTH



NOVEMBER 2024

THE JOB STORY

3 PERFORMANCES TO BE HELD  
ON NOVEMBER 8TH, 9TH AND  
10TH



DECEMBER 14, 2024

THE CHRISTMAS STORY AND  
CHRISTMAS SKITS



# ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

At CHMBT, our immersive summer camps and year-round programs offer participants the opportunity to explore various forms of artistic expression, including theatre, music, dance, and visual arts. These camps nurture creativity and talent while providing a safe and supportive environment for personal growth and self-discovery.

We place a strong emphasis on community involvement and social responsibility. Through frequent visits to orphanages and old age homes, participants learn the value of empathy, compassion, and inclusivity. Our multifaceted after-school initiative is designed to holistically address pressing issues in R3 zones, offering services that promote cognitive growth, creativity, and community engagement.



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

With our new location comes the need for equipment and furnishings to create an optimal environment for our programs. We are seeking donations for:

- Stage Risers
- Motorized Large Projector Screens
- Projectors
- Computers
- Signage
- Desks
- Printer/Fax Machines
- Copier
- Tables
- Office Furniture
- Stage Lighting and Equipment
- Sound System and Large Speakers
- Other Classroom Necessities

We aim to raise \$500,000 over the next two years to maintain our new space and hire more teachers to serve more children. Your support and donations are crucial to achieving this goal.





# OUR PARTNERS

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If you would like to partner please reach out to us!



# GET INVOLVED

Your contributions can make a significant impact. Donations are much appreciated and can be made through our website  
<http://www.chmbibletheatre.org/donations>

Other ways to contribute is by signing up to become an actor, volunteer, or an employee. We are always open to growing our community and would love for you to join us!

Together, we can continue to provide a safe and nurturing environment for youth to explore their creativity and grow into compassionate, responsible, adults.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

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Founder and Chief Executive Officer

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