

Our mission is *the development of lifeskills in children through participation in the performing arts.*

What are they saying about MCT?

“One little guy, a second grader, who doesn’t have a great home life, beamed after his first show, ‘They clapped for us, they really clapped for us, I have never had anyone ever clap for me, that was awesome.’ His eyes have never sparkled quite like they did on that night.”

LaGrange, Indiana

“They held Monday afternoon auditions for 50-60 cast members. By Saturday, the kids had their lines memorized and a rapt audience of appreciative parents were applauding their talents.”

The Wall Street Journal

The worst thing about Missoula Children’s Theatre, is that once you bring them in, you never want to bring in anything else! MCT is hard to top!

Henderson, Kentucky

“Thanks to Kelly and Don, thanks to MCT founder James Caron. Thanks to every city that hosts them, anywhere, anytime. My kids will, with good fortune in this crazy world, grow up anyway. They’ll learn lessons, take some steps, and one way or another will learn to leave us. But before they do, I’ll say thank you, Missoula, for giving them your hands along the way.”

Seattle’s Child Magazine

“For the fifth year Janie, a wheel-chair bound girl, was cast in a Missoula production. In prior years she wanted her mother to push her chair and be with her most of the time. This year she told her mother that she could take care of things herself and that her mother could do something else during the rehearsals. It was such a growing experience for her as she realized friends were nearby in case of need, but she had gained much independence due, in great part, to the confidence she found in her Missoula participation.”

Indianapolis, Indiana

“What an amazing team you have with these two! They respect the kids! That teaches the kids to respect each other...this week the kids respected each other more than they ever have in the past...Thank you for all you do for us and our kids!”

Metaline Falls, WA

“Each year I am amazed how the show can be cast in such a brief audition period, and it always has a great end result. Last year we did “The Frog Prince.” I am still hearing about our Princess Prim and how her self esteem has soared since her participation. Her parents had gone through a rough divorce and her Mom had left town the year prior; she really benefited from being the lead in the show. We had a few other students who were getting reading help that year as well; they too have blossomed since they were actors with The Missoula Children’s Theatre. I am telling everyone I know about this great experience and hoping they can get their schools involved too!”

Colorado Springs, CO

This is the second year that we had MCT in NAF (Naval Air Facility) El Centro. People call us “over the horizon” because we are such a small community. What MCT offered to our community is very uplifting to our community especially to our children. We are in the middle of the valley away from everything and the support and expertise shared by your wonderful directors are just beyond our expectation. Thank you to Logan and Kirsten and thanks to MCT for bringing the best of our children. - NAF El Centro, CA 7/30

El Centro, California

It was a great experience for Little Red Hen Theatre, the kids and their families. MCT is the BEST at developing talent in young people, at broadening their horizons, and at encouraging teamwork and responsibility in youth. Thank you!

Wakefield, Nebraska

The residency concept used by the Missoula Children’s Theatre is brilliant. It gives children who might otherwise never be exposed to the performing arts an opportunity to observe and participate in a full-scale production. The self-esteem of these children was greatly enhanced. I would like to see the Missoula Children’s Theatre residency program return to our community.

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