



Dear Children's Theatre of Winnetka Alum and Family,

CTW is gearing up to celebrate its 50th anniversary next spring, and the gala event planners are eager for you to participate in whatever way you feel comfortable. Please join us in celebrating CTW and helping to nurture it and keep it vibrant and alive. Here are a few ways to get involved:

1. Attend the 50th Anniversary Gala in Matz Hall on Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m. It will be a retrospective filled with performances by CTW alumni. Want to join us onstage? Let us know!
2. Send a 20-second video (if you can attend or can't) to be included at the gala that says: "Happy 50th Anniversary CTW! My name is..." and share a favorite CTW memory/role/show and/or the most important takeaway from CTW. **These submissions can be emailed to CTWturns50@gmail.com.**
3. Donate to Children's Theatre of Winnetka and help keep it thriving for 50 **more** years. Visit www.childrenstheatrewinnetka.com and make a tax-deductible donation to our 50th anniversary fund.

For over a quarter century, the life lessons gleaned from CTW have fulfilled many in both professional performing arts careers and personal journeys. In the process, they communicated the priceless benefits of an educational children's theatre in and around any community. **The benefits are clear: children's theatre has been found to boost creativity, build self-esteem, teach patience, promote empathy, manage time, enhance collaborative skills and, quite frankly, improve mental health.**

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please reach out via email at CTWturns50@gmail.com. Otherwise, we hope you will mark a special star on your 2024 calendar for May 5 to celebrate The Children's Theatre of Winnetka and your time as a theatre kid.

Warmly,
The 50th Anniversary Gala Committee

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