



Welcome to **The Centre Theater**

We are so pleased to have you join us today. Please allow us a moment of your time to tell you about some of the programs here at the theater and how you can get involved. We have two productions already on the calendar for this year, *Right Behind*, coming in April, is a behind the scenes look at the restaurant industry. And in June, the King of Prussia Players will be performing *Chicago!*

The Centre Theater Music School recently completed its second full season with an incredible concert involving the students and their instructors. We currently have piano, violin and cello lessons taking place every Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost to operate the music school runs approximately \$5,400 per semester, which includes instructor stipends and free lessons for the children. One child can be sponsored for \$400 per semester. To date we have not charged any children for lessons and we strive to continue that tradition.

The Kids Movie Club is new for 2017. Every third Saturday of the month we screen a G or PG rated movie for kids of all ages, accompanied by an adult. The rehabilitation of the small first floor theater is thanks to a grant provided by the Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Council. We do not charge for the movies and would love to continue this tradition as well. Bringing movies back to Norristown has been an objective of the board and we're hoping to create a movie club for parents soon. The cost to operate the movie club runs approximately \$200 a month, which includes the cost of a 'projectionist.' The Kids Movie Club can be sponsored on a monthly basis or for the entire year for \$1,200.

Classical Music in the County Seat is also new for 2017. We will be hosting an afternoon of chamber music the first Sunday of each month. Our music school director will be performing along with some invited guests. For now, everything is free, including the time of these very talented musicians. Our first even drew about a dozen people, including a young family. We would like to eventually compensate the musicians and at least pay the expense of opening the building. The theater will underwrite the cost of the wine and cheese. Classical Music in the County seat can be sponsored for \$300 per event.

Please consider making a donation to the theater today. Any amount is appreciated. Donations may be made to The Centre Theater, 208 DeKalb St., Norristown, PA 19401. One of the most comprehensive studies, by the [National Endowment for the Arts](#), found that students involved in the arts score higher on science and reading tests than their peers. A Columbia University study revealed that students in the arts are found to be more cooperative with teachers and peers, more self-confident and better able to express their ideas.

