



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The COVID-19 pandemic has made hosting interactive arts and culture programs challenging to say the least. Typically, Missoula Children's Theater travels to Red Cloud for a week-long program, but the pandemic has prevented us from offering their program this year. We have found an exciting alternative, however, with Blixt Locally Grown, a Nebraska theater group that helps young performers create original plays and theatrical programs. Two members of their team will be at the Red Cloud Opera House on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to help school-age children script, rehearse and perform an original play in one day as part of their *Theater Re-Imagined* workshop. No advance preparation is necessary, but participants should be ready to use their creativity and have a great time!

Blixt's *Theater Re-Imagined* workshop will take place Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Red Cloud Opera House. A couple of things will be different compared to past theater programs due to the pandemic. First, there are no auditions, and we have a strict capacity limit of 15 performers, so participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Second, parents will not be able to watch the development and rehearsal of the play; there will only be an audience for the outdoor performance at the end of the workshop. Parents should expect to drop their children off at the opera house by 10:00 a.m. and meet them at the J.L. Miner House at 241 N. Seward for one public performance at 5:00 p.m. This performance will also be filmed and shared virtually for any audience members who are unable to attend in person.

This is an experience designed for children entering 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. There will be roles for approximately 12-15 student performers. Students who wish to participate must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire workshop and performance. Please bring a sack lunch with you, and we will provide water and soft drinks. ***Also, as part of our COVID-19 protocols, we require masks or face coverings be worn by anyone who enters the Red Cloud Opera House. If you do not have a mask, we are happy to provide one for you.*** All workshop activities will be structured so as to ensure social distancing.

Blixt Locally Grown is a non-profit arts organization based in Lincoln, NE. Their theater workshop in Red Cloud is made possible with support from Rick and Barb Kudrna, Kenny's Lumber, Heritage Bank, the Nebraska Arts Council, and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

Please contact education coordinator Rachel Olsen at 402-746-2653 or [rolsen@willacather.org](mailto:rolsen@willacather.org) to register your child(ren) for this workshop or to ask any questions. We are looking forward to seeing you on August 15<sup>th</sup>!

