



# LAKEWOOD :A FEW MILESTONES

CENTER FOR THE ARTS

1952

A group of citizens organizes the Oswego Players, who perform in junior and senior high schools.

1961

The Company—now known as Lake Oswego Community Theatre—buys the vacant Methodist Church on Greenwood Road and converts it to a 100-seat theatre, where they perform 110 productions, in a facility with very limited rehearsal and storage space.

1979

Having outgrown the old church, the theatre company decides to buy Lakewood School and turn it into Lakewood Center for the Arts—a community arts center, complete with a gallery, classrooms for art, dance and music, and a 200-seat theatre.

1987

With funding from individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations—and with no public funding—Lakewood completes a \$1.1 million capital campaign for the purchase and remodeling of the building.

1990

Lake Oswego Community Theatre becomes Lakewood Theatre Company, to identify more closely with all the programs at Lakewood Center and to reflect the increasing professionalism and quality of the theatre productions.

2003

Lakewood completes a \$3 million project to build a new stage house with fly lofts and traps for the theatre, a remodeled 220 seat theatre with no seat further than 35 feet from the stage, and a new hearing-assisted sound system. Theatre programs now enjoy an average 85-90% sellout rate, mostly from subscriptions.

2012

Lakewood Theatre Company—the oldest continually operating non-profit theatre company in the Portland metro area—attracts more than 40,000 annually to its shows.

The annual Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts—a joint project of Lakewood, the Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Lake Oswego—brings more than 23,000 to the Center and nearby George Rogers Park for performances, arts and crafts displays, and viewing of more than 1,000 pieces of artwork.

2015

Artist Training Facility is completed. Lakewood Center for the Arts is building for the future with a new 40' x 50' building. The 1:1 ratio replicates the Headlee Mainstage footprint and will serve as a rehearsal hall and learning environment. This new facility is built in a portion of the playground at the north end of the current building. It is connected to Lakewood's main hall with a raised sidewalk.

Current programs that access the playground will have a redesigned space to accommodate their needs.

[See more here!](#)

## WHAT ELSE GOES ON AT LAKEWOOD?

- The Community Arts Preschool, offering three and four-year olds a program enriched with art and dance
- The Rotary Club of Lake Oswego meets weekly in the downstairs Community Meeting Room, which is also used for cabaret theatre, wedding receptions, and conferences
- ReRuns, a resale shop staffed by Lakewood Associates, a support auxiliary of the Center
- Weekly classes in Danceaerobics, exercise, ballet, tap and jazz

As the company is set to begin its 60th performance season, work is underway to remodel the entry foyer; provide additional office space for Lakewood staff; create a Lakewood Gallery; and build a separate Rehearsal Hall/Artist's Training Facility. As always, Lakewood will operate in the black, and will continue to accomplish its growth without public funds. Come be a part of our success! We welcome your support!



● **OUR MISSION: WE INSPIRE AND NURTURE A LOVE OF THEATRE AND THE ARTS** ●

Lakewood Theatre Company/Lakewood Center for the Arts is a 501(c) (3) non-profit arts institution dedicated to providing arts education, performance and exhibition opportunities to the region. We also do business as Lakewood Gallery, Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts and Lakewood Associates. Our service area covers a 60 mile radius and includes Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Clark Counties in Oregon and Washington.

## STATISTICS & FACTS

100,000 people use the facility annually.

The mix of organizations and people is very diverse. A sampling includes:

Lakewood Theatre Company has 40,000 people attending plays annually. It has 2,200 subscribers and a member base of 800 individuals, businesses and organizations.

Lakewood Theatre Company provides a summer workshop academy for emerging theatre artists. Last summer 160 young people attended this offering.

Every year, the Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts attracts 22,000—25,000 people for our art exhibits, demonstrations, and performances.

800 people a week attend arts education, performance, theatre and dance classes.

The Center has advised fledgling art centers on start-up and operations from the following communities: Newberg, Bainbridge Island, Gladstone, Gresham, McMinnville, Sherwood, Newport and Vancouver, Washington.

The Center provides scholarship opportunities to all programs under its supervision.

The Center provides community access for neighborhood associations, arts organizations, civic groups, and city agencies through its community meeting and theatre space.

The Center partners with local schools and universities to provide joint opportunities for classes, performance and exhibition. Some of our partners include: Lake Oswego Schools, Riverdale School, West Linn High School, Clackamas High School, Portland Community College, Portland State University, University of Portland, Marylhurst University and Clackamas Community College.

The Lakewood Center Associates, a support auxiliary of 160 members, has provided more than \$1,000,000 in program and operation support.

The Center is a designated civic project of the Lake Oswego Rotary Club and the Kruse Way Rotary Club.

The Center provides scholarships to performing artists to continue higher education.

\$1,800,000 annual operating budget for all combined divisions. The Center has never run a deficit. There is no long-term debt. 70% of income comes from events and programs and 30% comes from contributions, businesses, foundations and civic organizations.

The Center provides complimentary admissions to theatre productions to more than 100 organizations annually throughout the Portland-Vancouver area.

The Center sponsors a guest artist program to attract nationally known artists to provide mentoring and coaching to aspiring artists. A sampling includes: Arthur Duncan (dance), David Chow (pianist), and Alan Shearman (film and television).

The Center provides a home for regional groups and events. A sampling includes: Columbia Stitchery Guild, Lake Area Artists, LOCAL 14, KinderMusik Pre-school music program, and the Community Arts Pre-School.

## A SAMPLING OF ART ACTIVITIES AT LAKEWOOD

- Lakewood Theatre Company productions
- Festival of the Arts
- Acting classes
- Ballet and modern dance classes
- Jurying for LOCAL 14 art shows
- Wedding receptions
- Watercolor classes
- Lakewood Associates/ReRuns
- Writing workshops
- Lake Oswego Rotary Lobster Feed
- Young Performers Workshop
- Children's art classes
- Guest art exhibitions
- Community Arts Pre-School
- Piano lessons
- Weekly Rotary luncheons
- Tap and jazz classes
- Lakewood Center Associates luncheons
- League of Women Voters meetings
- Financial seminars
- Chamber of Commerce Leadership seminars
- Animation & film classes
- Social dance
- Cartooning classes
- Lakewood Jr. Theatre Company
- Drawing and design classes
- Columbia Stitchery Guild meetings
- Kindermusik classes
- Soccer Club meetings
- Japanese flower arranging classes
- Gardening seminars
- Handweaver's Guild showcase
- Kumon Math tutoring classes
- Neighborhood Association meetings
- Calligraphy workshops
- Photography seminars
- Nutrition and diet awareness classes
- Corporate sales meetings
- Aerobic Dance classes
- Dance Movement therapy class
- Interior Design classes
- Colored pencil classes
- Scrabble Club meetings
- Yoga classes
- Public information seminars
- Landscape design classes
- Lake Area Artists annual showcase
- Gallery exhibition of local artists