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Grumbling Gryphons Hosts Theater Camp, Two Plays

Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater, a nonprofit organization that is celebrating its 37th year, will once again host its annual theater arts camp for children ages 6 to 16 at Cornwall Town Hall from July 30 to Aug. 6.

"This camp is a tradition," said Artistic Director Leslie Elias. "Students come from all over. We're like a family, but we always welcome new people."

The eight-day camp focuses on theater, music, dance and art each day from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and half-day options are available. And even though it starts in a few days, Elias said that registration is still open.

The camp will culminate in a performance of "St. George and The Dragon," a play written and directed by Elias that is described as "a traditional medieval tale involving a fierce and hungry dragon that is ravaging the Kingdom of Gry-

phondom."

The play features an enormous dragon that was created by Ellen Moon, Jane Prentice and the youth of United Church of Christ in Cornwall.

The public performance of "St. George and the Dragon" will be held at Cornwall Town Hall on Sunday, Aug. 6, at 2 p.m. Following the show, the dragon will dance onto the town Green along with the Golden Lady, a giant rod puppet created by Moon. Refreshments will be served.

Before the theater camp kicks off, the Grumbling Gryphons will present a free performance of "The Myth of Persephone" at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury on Saturday, July 29, at 1 p.m.

Prior to the show, children ages 6 and up are invited to participate in a free Greek drama workshop at the library from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Those who take part in the workshop will actually be in

the play — and Elias said that parents are welcome to jump in.

"It's really about empowering children and making their spirits alive. And I think adults miss being kids," she said. "I found my calling when I first learned to read as a child. Storytelling is part of my blood. I love bringing stories to life."

To register for the Grumbling Gryphons theater camp, email grumblinggryphons@gmail.com, call 860-672-0286 or go to www.grumblinggryphons.org. The cost is \$400 for eight full days or \$200 for eight half days.




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The Grumbling Gryphons will present "The Myth of Persephone" at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury on July 29 at 1 p.m., with a drama workshop at 11 a.m.

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