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OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



TEN YEARS OF INSPIRATION: KRISTIN CHENOWETH'S BROADWAY BOOTCAMP & THE KRISTI AWARDS 2025

In the heart of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, something magical happens every summer. For the past decade, Kristin Chenoweth's Broadway Bootcamp has transformed the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center into a haven for young performers, drawing students from across the globe to train, connect, and shine. In 2025, the camp celebrated its 10th anniversary – and it was more than just a milestone. It was a movement.

A Camp Like No Other

Founded by Tony Award-winning actress and Oklahoma native Kristin Chenoweth, the camp offers elite training in acting, singing, dance, and technical theatre for students in grades 8–12. With a faculty composed of Broadway professionals, the experience is immersive, rigorous, and deeply personal. This year's camp expanded its reach with new programming for educators, technical theatre enthusiasts, and even a parent forum hosted by Chenoweth's own family. The message was clear: theatre is for everyone.

Global Talent, Local Heart

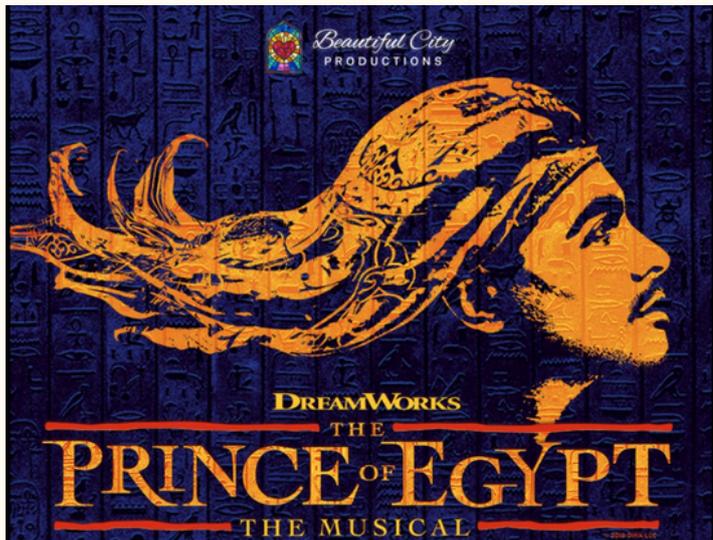
Auditions for the 2025 camp poured in from around the world, with students submitting vocal pieces, monologues, and dance reels to earn a coveted spot. Once accepted, campers spent two weeks in Broken Arrow, rehearsing, learning, and bonding – all under the mentorship of Broadway's finest. Kristin's mission? "To inspire – always inspire." And that's exactly what she did.

The Kristi Awards: A Decade in the Spotlight

Held on July 26, the Kristi Awards were the emotional crescendo of the camp. Free to the public but ticketed due to overwhelming demand, the event featured:

- Student Showcases: Musical numbers, monologues, and ensemble pieces developed during camp.
- Alumni Performances: Past campers returned to the stage, including a powerful rendition of "Here's Where I Stand," now featured on YouTube.
- Faculty Tributes & Surprise Honors: Awards like Most Improved Performer, Spirit of the Camp, and Technical Theatre Excellence were handed out with heartfelt speeches and standing ovations. (*Continued on page 3*).

SPOTLIGHT: BEAUTIFUL CITY PRODUCTIONS: FAITH, FAMILY, AND THE POWER OF MUSICAL THEATRE



In a state known for its rich musical heritage and community-driven arts, Beautiful City Productions has carved out a unique space – blending Broadway-caliber storytelling with messages of hope, redemption, and purpose. Based in Oklahoma, this nonprofit theatre company is making waves in 2025 with its ambitious programming and heartfelt mission.

Founded on the belief that theatre

can be both entertaining and transformative, Beautiful City Productions focuses on shows that uplift and inspire. Their productions often explore themes of faith, perseverance, and human connection – without sacrificing the spectacle and polish that audiences crave.

Their name, inspired by the Stephen Schwartz song “Beautiful City” from *Godspell*, reflects their commitment to building a better world through the arts.

This September, Beautiful City Productions is staging *The Prince of Egypt*, the sweeping musical adaptation of the DreamWorks animated film. Running from September 11 to 21, the show promises epic storytelling, soaring music, and a fresh take on the biblical tale of Moses and Ramses.

With performances at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays through Saturdays and 2:00 p.m. matinees on Sundays, the production is expected to draw families, faith communities, and musical theatre fans alike.

Learn more about Beautiful City Productions on their website:
www.beautifulcityproductions.org

Tickets for *Prince of Egypt* can be purchased at
<https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/beautiful-city-productions/67c3a0a7d2ad120f6330062b>.



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The 2025 Reunion

To mark the 10-year anniversary, the camp hosted its first-ever alumni reunion, bringing together former campers who've gone on to study theatre, perform professionally, or return as faculty. Panel discussions, group performances, and shared memories turned the week into a celebration of legacy and growth. Kristin's closing remarks captured the spirit of the moment:

"We're not just building performers — we're building a family."

Whether you're a theatre educator, a fan of Broadway, or someone who believes in the power of mentorship, Kristin Chenoweth's Broadway Bootcamp is proof that Oklahoma is more than just a place on the map — it's a launching pad for dreams.

Source: www.kcbbc.camp

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HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WORKING WITH US?

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SEPTEMBER AUDITIONS

GASLIGHT THEATRE (ENID) - NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD (TEEN) - SEPT 1 & 2
DUNCAN LITTLE THEATRE - DESSERT DINNER THEATRE - SEPT 7 & 8
CHICKASHA COMMUNITY THEATRE - FIDDLER ON THE ROOF - SEPT 8 & 9
GASLIGHT THEATRE (ENID) - ANNIE (BY APPT ONLY) - SEPT 13 & 14
CLARK YOUTH THEATRE - BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER - SEPT 27
STORYTELLER THEATER (OKC) - LITTLE WOMEN - SEPT 27

SEPTEMBER PRODUCTIONS

CHICKASHA COMMUNITY THEATRE - THE ELEPHANT MAN - SEPT 4-7
GASLIGHT THEATRE (ENID) - KING LEAR - SEPT 5-13
SAPULPA COMMUNITY THEATRE - BLOODY JACK - SEPT 5-14
JEWEL BOX THEATRE - BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS - SEPT 5-21
DUNCAN LITTLE THEATRE - ANNE OF GREEN GABLES - SEPT 11-14
CLARK YOUTH THEATRE - MEAN GIRLS, SCHOOL EDITION - SEPT 11-21
BEAUTIFUL CITY PRODUCTIONS - PRINCE OF EGYPT - SEPT 11-21
LAWTON COMMUNITY THEATRE - CHICAGO - SEPT 12-21
SOUTHWEST PLAYHOUSE - BRIGHT STAR - SEPT 12-21
THEATRE TULSA (AT TULSA PAC) - HAIRSPRAY - SEPT 12-21
CARPENTER SQUARE THEATRE - INTIMATE APPAREL - SEPT 12-28
WHODUNIT MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE - SOUTHERN FRIED HOMICIDE - SEPT 19-20
SHAWNEE LITTLE THEATRE - HEATHERS - SEPT 19-28
RED CARPET COMMUNITY THEATRE - MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS
SEPT 26 - OCT 5
OKLAHOMA CHILDREN'S THEATRE - MADDI'S FRIDGE - SEPT 26-27

