



Important CTC Update

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Dear CTC Community:

We are writing to you today to raise early awareness of an issue related to a former employee of Children's Theatre Company. As a member of our community, we want you to hear it directly from us and welcome any questions you may have.

Approximately a year ago, federal law enforcement agents arrived at CTC with a request to speak with a supervisor related to their investigation of a CTC part-time employee. The agents did not disclose, and told us they could not disclose the nature of their investigation. They conveyed only that the investigation related to an individual, and that they had no indication that any crime or inappropriate conduct had been directed toward anyone at CTC or had occurred on CTC premises.

CTC cooperated fully with the investigation. We explained that the accused, Ricky McAllister, worked as a stagehand and student actor supervisor. We further explained our Adult-Youth Engagement policies and protocols that apply to all employees. Because Mr. McAllister had never been issued an electronic device of any kind from CTC, the agents did not confiscate any devices or equipment as part of their visit and provided no further information to CTC.

No information or directions ever came from law enforcement, and the accused has not been onsite at CTC since June 11, 2025, the day before federal agents first advised us of their investigation.

Within the last week, CTC learned that Mr. McAllister has been indicted on two

counts of receipt and possession of child pornography. Based on the public record, CTC understands the investigation and indictment are limited to actions that occurred outside of CTC's premises and on Mr. McAllister's personal devices. Further, nothing in the indictment references CTC or any of Mr. McAllister's other former employers.

We do not know what the outcome of any criminal investigation or charges will be, and we are mindful that these are allegations, not a conviction. But we also strive to be as transparent and informative as possible, seeking to create a safe, respectful, and educational environment for all.

At CTC, nothing is more important than the safety of the children and families we serve. We believe that to create a better world for, with, and through young people, we must help create a world in which they are safe. That commitment is the foundation of our mission and our work. Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to Ryan French, the managing director at ryan@childrenstheatre.org.

Most sincerely,

Ryan French, Managing Director
Rick Dildine, Artistic Director



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