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## **Hardin Center to Host Live Theatrical Performance Designed for Children**

GADSDEN, AL: The Hardin Center and Imagination Place are excited to host a live theatrical performance of *Elephant and Piggie's We Are In A Play* on Wednesday, June 26 at 1 pm at the Hardin Center.

"This is specifically designed to be a great way to introduce young children to live theater," said Tom Banks of the Hardin Center. "It will be a fun musical experience in a casual atmosphere."

The show is ripped from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved, award-winning, best-selling children's books and is a touring production from the Oxford Performing Arts Center. The characters will take to the stage in a rollicking adventure that is perfect for young audiences, especially those 3 and up.

An elephant named Gerald and a pig named Piggie are "bestus" (a word Gerald and Piggie made up that means "very best") friends, but Gerald worries that something could go wrong that would end their friendship. Piggie is not worried at all. She's even happier and more excited than usual. That's because she and Gerald are invited to a party hosted by the Squirrelles, three singing squirrels who love to have a good time. And so begins a day when anything is possible.

The performance is free for Hardin Center members and included with admission for non-members. There is no need to pre-purchase admission tickets. Admission includes all-day play in Imagination Place Children's Museum and the Hardin Center's exhibits. Admission is \$8 per person for children and adults, free for children under 24 months, and free for members.

Imagination Place is also hosting crafts each weekday in June and July at 11 am and 2 pm. Those are also free for members and included with admission. Visitors coming for the performance may come early or stay after to do the craft and to play.

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