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**Prime Stage Theatre Announces  
A New Theater Series for Elementary Aged Children and Their Families  
Opening with *The Amazing Lemonade Girl!***

(Pittsburgh, PA – May 25, 2022) Prime Stage Theatre is proud to announce the new **Prime Stage Sprouts Series** that opens with *The Amazing Lemonade Girl*. The production is directed by **Allison Weakland** and will run **June 16 - 19, 2022**.

Supported by Northwestern Mutual, this incredible true story was inspired by the life of **Alexandra Flynn Scott**, the young girl whose small idea of a Lemonade Stand created big changes for kids facing cancer by raising millions of dollars for cancer research.

Running about an hour, the play is filled with discovery, humor, friendship, and colorful set and costumes. Children and families will see special moments in Alex's story come to life as *The Amazing Lemonade Girl* becomes a play about hope. When the cast met virtually with Liz Scott, Alex's mother, we learned how Alex inspired everyone how small, simple ideas can have a huge impact. No matter your position, resources, or age, you can make a difference.

"When we think about changing the world, we often believe we must have these big, complicated ideas. This play is for audiences of all ages. I laughed and cried the first time I read the script, and was completely into the story. The play addresses some tough subjects, but there is also a lot of humor and hope," said Allison Weakland, director.

**Alex Scott** wasn't going to let her rare childhood cancer get her down. Her illness inspired her to start a front yard lemonade stand to raise funds to help other kids. Based on the book written by her parents, this regional premiere shows how a single person can change the world one act or even one cup at a time. Audiences will experience how her idea inspired donations of over \$1 million dollars and a foundation that has raised \$200 million and funds over 1,000 medical research projects for children's health.

To make the experience connect with younger audiences, this premiere production of the new **Prime Stage Sprouts Series** features a cast of 6 teen actors led by **Rayna Akin** who plays Alexandra Flynn Scott, with **Maya Anabella, Jayden Greening, Eamonn McElfresh, Cameron Tino** and **Kayla Zhu** who play several roles in Alex's life –

We are honored to have the endorsement of the Childhood Cancer Initiatives of The American Cancer Society. Laura Eicher, National Director of Childhood Cancer Initiatives wrote: "Thank you for choosing childhood cancer as your focus and allowing us to make an impact with you." At the performances, members of our audience can make donations to Prime Stage Theatre to create Cancer Care Kits available for local families.

With **Prime Stage Sprouts**, parents and children have more opportunities to attend live theatre. When we introduce children to theater early, we ignite their imaginations and help them develop a love for theater.

“Prime Stage Sprouts is an exciting new endeavor for us. Bringing in young audiences and showing them how literature can be fun and engaging is so important. To foster literacy, you need to engage them early on. And that is what we want to do, spark the love of reading books through theatre,” said **Tina Marie Cerny**, Managing Director.

As with all Prime Stage productions, we make our performances accessible. This production will include a **Sensory Inclusive** performance on June 18. Prime Stage is the region’s only theater company to attain Certified Sensory Inclusive status through KultureCity, as a leading nonprofit recognized nationwide for using their resources to affect change for those with sensory needs.

***The Amazing Lemonade Girl*** and Prime Stage Sprouts bring literature to life for elementary students and families as we inspire their imaginations and hopes with the joy of live theatre.

### **The Amazing Lemonade Girl**

June 16, 2022 – 10:30 am Preview, 7:30 pm Opening

June 19, 2022 – Closes

A true story inspired by the life of Alexandra Flynn Scott

By James DeVita

With the permission of Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation.

Directed by Allison Weakland

<https://primestage.com/events/lemonade-girl/>

### **Performance Notes**

**Jun 16, 10:30am** Preview pay-what-you-can performance

**Jun 18, 2:30pm** Sensory Inclusive Performance

**Purchase tickets:** [AudienceView Professional \(ovationtix.com\)](https://www.ovationtix.com)

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