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## *MAGIC CIRCLE RETURNS TO WEST MICHIGAN AFTER TWO-YEAR HIATUS*

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Twitter Ready Quote: *Magic Circle: Dog Loves Cupcakes, directed by Emily Diener, takes drawings from local children at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and allows their imagination to take the stage. From June 28-30, 2022, tickets available at [circletheatre.org](http://circletheatre.org).*

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., June 15, 2021 - Circle Theatre, West Michigan's go-to destination for exceptional theatrical arts in an intimate setting, is excited to announce a reinvisioned Magic Circle, sponsored by Spectrum Health Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, Lainie's Angels, and Cheryl Grant Real Estate. Traditionally this annual family show features classic children's productions. In 2022, Magic Circle will bring storytelling to kid's fingertips, taking character drawings from local children at Spectrum Health Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and creating one-of-kind productions based on their drawings. Directed by Emily Diener, this event will take place inside the Performing Arts Center located on the campus of Aquinas College.

*Dogs Love Cupcakes: The Incredible True Story of the Life and Times of Jeff* - Jeff doesn't like a lot of things, but he does like inventions. Irritated when the townspeople are prepping for the annual bake sale fundraiser, he seeks some peace and quiet. All he wants is to work on his newest invention. He doesn't get along with most people, and likes even fewer. After seeing how well others in his life treat him even though he's a big grump, Jeff comes to learn that his old way of thinking is something to leave behind, and it costs nothing to simply be nice.

Character creation by Emma, Levi, Violet, and Griffin. Story and script by Don Wilson.

When your child has a serious health issue, it becomes the center of your world. You want to know your child is getting focused attention and the latest in treatments and support. At Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, they fight for every child. With 350+ pediatric specialists and subspecialists, 10 Years of US News and Report national rankings and innovations that draw patients from all over the world, they're driven to replace fear with hope, and doubt with answers. We believe in the possibility of every child's future. Because it's only impossible until it isn't.

Lainie's Angels was created by a mom and dad who went through an experience they don't want other families to go through. When their 10 year-old daughter was diagnosed with cancer, they discovered that while there were many capable doctors, nurses and counselors to help her, there was no one who could focus on the needs of the family. They decided to start a foundation to help other families by providing a network of people like themselves who had

been through the process, knew the ropes and understood the pain, and could offer the benefit of their experience to families in need. And they decided to name the organization after their daughter, Lainie (1988-2000).

Cheryl Grant is the Team Leader of the Cheryl Grant Real Estate Team at Keller Williams North. Cheryl and her Team are licensed Realtors representing clients in Grand Rapids and all of West Michigan. Since 2004 Cheryl and her Team have helped hundreds of people buy and sell homes in neighborhoods such as Grand Rapids, East Grand Rapids, Ada, Cascade, Caledonia, Kentwood, Grandville and Rockford. HomeLight ranks Cheryl in the top 2% of agents in Grand Rapids for successfully selling homes and as one of the top agents for selling homes fast. Cheryl's Team was recently named one of the Best Real Estate Teams in America and is consistently a top producing Team at Keller Williams North. The Team has also won the Angie's List Super Service Award 7 years in a row.

Imagination takes the stage with this three night event, so join us on June 28-30, 2022, for a family-friendly experience! Tickets are \$12 at [circletheatre.org](http://circletheatre.org).

For more information on Circle Theatre's Magic Circle, 2022 season, to purchase tickets, or to find more ways to support Circle Theatre please call the box office at 616.456.6656 or visit [circletheatre.org](http://circletheatre.org).

#### About Circle Theatre

For 70 years and counting, Circle Theatre has enriched, entertained and educated the community through exceptional theatrical arts in an intimate setting. Located in the Performing Arts Center on the campus of Aquinas College, Circle Theatre presents innovative and entertaining theatre while fostering an enthusiastic and hard-working corps of individuals who serve as staff, volunteers, and board members. Through the Main Stage season, unique Summer Concert Series, and Magic Circle family productions, Circle Theatre engages close to 30,000 people each season. Circle Theatre also values and creates effective collaborations with various community organizations in and around Grand Rapids.

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