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November 5, 2018 Sonoma California...The Theater School and Sonoma Arts Live are thrilled to announce their new partnership to share the Rotary Stage in Andrew's Hall in the Sonoma Community Center.

The Theater School (TTS), a 501 (c)(3) non profit, was founded in 2015 by Libby Oberlin, who also serves as Sonoma Arts Live's Education Director. Libby holds a Masters Degree in Educational Theater from NYU. TTS provides young people and teens with experience in all aspects of theater and is dedicated to authentic self expression, emotional intelligence, and collaborative discovery.

The former home of TTS was a 35-seat black box theater located in El Verano. Oberlin says, "While we will forever cherish laughing hysterically in summer camps, spontaneous lunchtime sing offs during rehearsals, and the many hilarious and heartwarming performances we created, we just outgrew our space. We are delighted to be in partnership with Sonoma Arts Live and bring our TTS programs to the big stage. We can now welcome larger audiences, create better sets, and provide more professional opportunities for Sonoma's budding stars!"

Sonoma Arts Live "is thrilled to welcome Libby and The Theater School, due to her wealth of knowledge and experience as a director and educator" says Executive Artistic Director Jaime Love. "Since 2015, Libby has directed our Teen's 'N Training program every spring and has also directed shows in our professional season. When the opportunity arose for SAL to rent the Rotary Stage year round, we knew the time was right to partner with The Theater School, as both organizations share a passion to further the benefits of theater in our community."

The Theater School's debut on the Rotary Stage will be *Disney's Aladdin JR* running November 15-18. For tickets to *Aladdin JR* and more information about programs visit

www.thetheaterschool.com Libby will also be directing the timeless classic *Anne of Green Gables* for Sonoma Arts Live's professional season running November 29-December 9. For tickets to *Anne of Green Gables* visit www.sonomaartslive.org.