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East Valley Children's Theatre (EVCT) is ringing in 2025 with the world premiere of *The Underground Adventures of a Carrot & Potato*, running Feb. 13-23 at the Mesa Arts Center, where EVCT is a Founding Resident Company.

This charming and whimsical production follows an unlikely friendship between two vegetables—a dancing carrot and a groove-loving potato—whose underground world is turned upside down as they challenge the norms of their rigid, soil-bound society.

*The Underground Adventures of a Carrot & Potato* is the winning play from EVCT's 2024 [Aspiring Playwrights Contest](#), an initiative that invites community writers to submit original works, elevating the voices of both emerging and established playwrights. As part of its ongoing commitment to fostering new, diverse narratives, EVCT includes at least one original work each season, supporting the creation of fresh and unique stories for young audiences.

"Original plays have a special power to captivate audiences in a way that's unlike anything else," said Bryanna Patrick Blanco, EVCT's artistic director. "Being part of a world premiere is truly unique—the cast creates characters no one has ever played, and the audience witnesses a story never told before. This production encourages families to come together, share a laugh and reflect on the importance of friendship."

Playwright Tara Meddaugh masterfully blends humor with meaningful themes, creating a delightfully quirky tale for all ages. Directed by EVCT's Taylor Stroupe, the play features a talented cast of young performers who bring this inventive story to life with enthusiasm.

Tickets are \$21 and can be purchased in person or online at [evct.org](#). Performances are at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

### **About Carrot & Potato:**

Vegetables are only supposed to do two things: grow where they're planted and keep to their own kind. But when a dancing carrot meets a groove-loving potato, their new forbidden friendship inspires them to embark on a quest to change the rules of their stodgy soil society.

### **About EVCT**

EVCT is a professional, quality, nonprofit 501(c)3 community organization where children can grow and develop into successful and fulfilled adults. We are managed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors and staffed by professionals with education and theatrical experience. Kids can take acting classes, join troupes, participate in acting camps and audition for performances. To donate or learn more, visit [evct.org](#). (EIN - 86-0599251)