

# Two local boys cast in 'Camelot' this weekend at Hammons

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Two local sixth-grade boys, Ford Mirowski and Andrew Wilson, have been cast as Tom of Warwick in the national Broadway tour of Lerner & Loewe's "Camelot" on Friday and Saturday at Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

"Tom of Warwick is a little boy who wants to be a knight," Mirowski said. "He is very good with a bow and he wants to help the Knights of the Roundtable. He wants to fight against the enemy so he can be a hero."

Mirowski attends Pipkin Middle School. After having received the most likes during a Facebook contest hosted by Hammons Hall,

Mirowski won the "People's Choice" nod and will perform during the 2 p.m. Saturday performance.

Mirowski is in Springfield Little Theatre's Youth Performance Troupes. He has been in eight main stage productions and said his favorite role was Michael Banks in "Mary Poppins." He enjoys also enjoys playing the trumpet, running and biking; his favorite subjects are humanities and science.

"I feel pretty excited. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to work with Broadway people in Springfield, Missouri. I think it's going to be really interesting," Mirowski said.



Wilson attends Willard Intermediate. He was the "Producer's Choice" contest winner and will perform during the 8 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday performances.

"I've never performed at this theater. I saw Blue Man Group there a couple years ago. I am pretty excited but kind of nervous because of how big the theater is," Wilson said. "It's like 10 times bigger (than Landers Theatre)."

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Wilson likes to draw, act, sing and hang out with his family. He's in the Showstoppers Troupe at Springfield Little Theatre, has appeared in "Once Upon a Mattress" and "The Lost Boys" and will be in the upcoming productions of "My Son Pinocchio Jr." and "Wizard of Oz."

"The future of theater in Springfield looks very bright," Deb Gallion, marketing director of Juanita K. Hammons Hall, who was present at the Tom of Warwick auditions, said in a news release. "To see such young talent in the community should have everyone excited. This opportunity can be a catalyst and further spark their interest in the arts, giving them the confidence to refine their skills and build their craft."

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.HammonsHall.com](http://www.HammonsHall.com), in person at the Hammons Hall Box Office or by calling 417-836-7678. Ticket prices range from \$45-\$25 depending on seat location. Handling fees will apply. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more by calling 417-836-8468.