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Eau Claire YMCA Y-Rep Productions Theatre Program NEVAEH & LILLY'S STORY

Like most sisters, Nevaeh and Lilly have pretty different interests—Nevaeh, age 8, lives for gymnastics, whereas her sister Lilly, 11, loves basketball. Nevaeh is outgoing, and Lilly is more introverted. However, these girls have found a common passion in theatre...on opposite sides of the curtain.

"I started to do plays when I was seven years old," Nevaeh says. "One reason I like to act is because I have a really nice teacher. I've always wanted to be onstage and perform."

Lilly prefers to share her talents backstage. She is an active member of the Y's "Silent Shadows" backstage crew, has attended tech theatre workshops at UWEC, and has run the sound board for two Y-Rep shows this year.

Adding a youth-run stage crew element to the Y-Rep program has allowed Lilly to be able to participate with her sister. Says Nevaeh, "I'm really excited for my sister to do plays with me!" Both sisters have grown tremendously in their respective theatre crafts through the Y-Rep Productions program, and they continue to gain confidence, experience, and artistic and technical skills with each show.



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