

# The Red Door



Director's Note...

**After 30 years of directing, acting, designing and producing at the Red Door Theatre, I find the time has come to take my final bow...**



After several years working as an actor in the big city, I came to the realization that New York was not for me. I decided to leave that dream behind and put my time and energy into Westfield State College to become a teacher. I have always enjoyed working with children and opening their world to the beauty of theatre. I wanted to create a place of our own. A place where children could imagine, pretend, create and be themselves. I believe the Red Door Theatre has been that place for so many.

I often hear success stories of former campers going on to do great things, within the arts and otherwise. Looking back I could never have imagined that a small community theatre would have had an impact as great as ours. If anything I have done has played even a small part in their success, then my life truly has meaning. I am leaving the company in the capable hands of Marilene Allen, who has been actively involved with the Red Door Theatre for many years. May theatre continue to inspire you and bring you the joy that it has brought me all my life.

Thank you for your continued support and always remember, "The Magic Doesn't Just Happen, We Make It Happen!"

Lyle Pearsons

*"It's a beautiful thing when a career and a passion come together."*- Unknown