

BUCKS COUNTY PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS ITS FIRST FULL THEATER FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES SERIES

Puppet Shows, Retellings of Classic Literature, and Award-Winning Musical Theater

New Hope, Pa. – Bucks County Playhouse will present their first ever full Theater for Young Audiences series, including theater pieces based on famous literature, a puppet show series, and an abridged version of a Tony Award-winning musical designed especially for young audiences.

The Richard Rogers Puppet Company will present “Stone Soup” on June 25 at 11am, in a musical retelling of the wandering soldier who convinces a very skeptical town to feed him by creating a delicious soup out of ordinary stones. “Hobnobbin’ Goblins,” a riotous musical marionette Halloween celebration, will continue the series on October 22 at 11am. The series will conclude with “It’s a Jolly Holiday” on December 10 at 11am, just in time for the holidays. Single tickets to each of the puppet shows are \$10 plus fees.

The Bright Star Touring Company returns to the Playhouse on October 3, 2017 at 11am to present a hilarious retelling of the Washington Irving classic “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.” This production, especially suited for students grades 2-5, bring young audiences along on the misadventures of Ichabod Crane and the beautiful Katrina Van Tassel as they await the arrival of the (not-so-scary) Headless Horseman. Single tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children (ages 4-12) plus fees. “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” is also ideal for school field trips, and can be supplemented by classroom study guides that support Core Curriculum Standards for grades 2-5. Group rates are available for groups of 10 or more.

The Bucks County Playhouse Youth Company will present “Seussical Jr.” August 2-12, 2017 on the Playhouse Stage. One of the Playhouse’s most popular education programs, the Youth Company is a musical theater intensive training program for aspiring performers ages 13-18 that culminates in a professional production that has delighted young audiences across the region for years.

“Seussical Jr.” is an abbreviated version of the Tony Award-winning musical extravaganza by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. From the Jungle of the Nool to the Circus McGurkus, everybody’s favorite Dr. Seuss characters come alive under the mischievous guidance of the Cat in the Hat. Join Horton the Elephant as he struggles to save the tiny planet of Who, protect an abandoned egg, and manage the attentions of the ever-loyal Gertrude McFuzz as he learns the true value of friendship, loyalty, family, and community. Tickets for “Seussical Jr.” are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 4-12) plus fees. Group rates are available for groups of 10 or more.

Tickets for all Theater for Young Audiences productions are now on sale. To purchase tickets or for more information visit BucksCountyPlayhouse.org, or visit or call the Box Office at 215-862-2121. Please note that children under the age of 4 are not permitted into the theater for any performances. Groups of 10 or more should contact Kathy Pappas, Sales Manager, at kathy@bcptheater.org or 267.740.2090 x102.

ABOUT BUCKS COUNTY PLAYHOUSE

Located between Philadelphia and New York, Bucks County Playhouse opened in 1939 in a converted 1790 gristmill after a group of community activists, led by Broadway orchestrator Don Walker and playwright Moss Hart, rallied to save the building. The Playhouse quickly became one of the country's most famous regional theaters, featuring a roster of American theatrical royalty including Helen Hayes, Kitty Carlisle, George S. Kaufman, Grace Kelly, Robert Redford, Bert Lahr, Walter Matthau, Angela Lansbury, Bernadette Peters, Alan Alda, Tyne Daly, Liza Minnelli and Audra McDonald and remained in continuous operation until December 2010. In 2012, the Playhouse re-opened thanks to the efforts of the Bridge Street Foundation, the nonprofit family foundation of Kevin and Sherri Daugherty, and Broadway producer Jed Bernstein.

Since its renovation, significant productions include Terrence McNally's "Mothers and Sons" starring Tyne Daly, which moved to Broadway and was nominated for two Tony Awards, and "Misery" by William Goldman based on the Stephen King novel which also went on to a Broadway run in the 2015-16 season. Two of the Playhouse's recent productions -- "Company" starring Justin Guarini, and William Finn's "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" -- were named by Wall Street Journal to its "Best of Theatre" list for 2015. The Playhouse's productions of "Steel Magnolias" and "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" broke box office records in 2016.

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