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99TH Street Summer Theatre Kids Kampers present "Oklahoma"

There is a "bright golden haze" in the McAuley Theatre Department as 350 energetic, enthusiastic, and excited grade school students participate in the 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival's Kids Kamp. This year the students will not only attend dance, acting, improvisation, and music classes but they will present the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma" from the Getting to Know You Collection. The three week camp will culminate with the production on July 13th and 14th with performances at 10:30am and noon on both days. The students in the camp will be split into two casts with each cast performing twice in the McAuley Theatre, 3737 W. 99th Street.

Leading the cast is Ian Rigg (Orland Park) in the role of Curly and Ann Symonanis (Chg., Beverly) and Martha Savory (Evergreen Park) in the role of Laurey. All three have been with the program for many years. In addition the role of Ado Annie is played by Sarah Menke (Evergreen Park) and Holly Carmody, Will Parker is played by Frankie Zabilka (Lemont) and Liam Gibbs (Evergreen Park), Aunt Eller is played by Kaitlyn Richards (Oak Lawn) and Katherine Houze (Chg.), and Tom Moster (Evergreen Park) plays the role of Jud Fry.

Supporting roles are played by Tanner Jackson, Bobby Kuenster (Oak Forest), Clare Nawrocki (Oak Lawn), Lauren Barr (Blue Island), Vincent Mallica (Chicago), Scott Rigg (Orland Park), Abby Francscali (Tinley Park), Katie O'Brien (Palos Heights), Amanda Donohoe (Chicago), Maura Boyce (Oak Lawn), Katla Jackson (Tinley Park), Colleen Foster (Chicago), Emily Rahman (Chg., Beverly), Kelsey Bishoff, Jillian Martin, Michael Pittacora (Chgo), Bridget Tracy (Oak Lawn), Kieran McAvoy (Oak Lawn), Imtiaz Garcia (Chicago), Stephanie Simon (Chgo), Mary Kelly (Chgo), Haley Kich (Blue Island), Maggie O'Brien (Palos Heights), Nora Heiderscheidt (Palos Heights), Joanne Ziarko (CHgo), Claire Ryan (Chg., Beverly), and Kristy Paul (Oak Lawn).

The dancer and chorus roles will be played by other members of the camp program. The show is directed by Margaret Hayes and Michael Gutrich with Musical direction by Patrick Mooney, Terri Lenz, and Nicole Simenthal. Choreographer is being done by Kids Kamp teachers Terese Pikula, Ann Svane, and Jeanine Stupka. All the Kids Kamp staff members assist in the production and supervise rehearsals and performances.

For ticket information call 773-881-6512. Don't miss the 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival's evening musicals Disney's "High School Musical" on July 12th, 13th, and 14th at 8:00pm and "Into The Woods" on July 26th, 27th, and 28th at 8:00pm.



Castmembers of the 99th Street Theatre Festival's production of "Oklahoma", (back row) Kaitlyn Richards (Oak Lawn), Ann Symonanis (CHgo), Sarah Menke (Evergreen Park, (front row) Frankie Zabilka (Lemont), Martha Savory (Evergreen Park), and Ian Rigg (Orland Park)