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99th Street Summer Theatre Announces Cast for 29th Season

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival, a community summer theatre now in its 29th season in the Mother McAuley Theatre, will present Disney's "High School Musical" on July 12, 13, and 14 at 8:00 pm and Stephen Sondheim's classic "Into the Woods" on July 26, 27 and 28 at 8:00 pm. The evening musicals feature performers, high school thru adult age. In addition the members of the Summer Theatre Kids Kamp will present the junior version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" on July 13 and 14 at 10:30 am and noon.

Disney's "High School Musical", the stage version of the TV movie that has swept the nation features a talented group of young performers of high school and college age and adults for the adult roles. Leading the cast is Kevin Buscemi (Evergreen Park) a senior musical theatre major at Milliken University, in the role of Troy Bolton. Sasha Brenecki, (Blue Island) a recent graduate of Mother McAuley, will play the role of Gabriella Montez. The roles of Ryan and Sharpay, the Thespian officers and stars of every play, are played by Ryan Quick (Evergreen Park) and Becki Pikula (Orland Park). Additional cast members include John Bryar as Chad Danforth, Sean Brennan (Chg, Beverly) as Zeke, Arturo Salazar as Jason, Amy Jarzembowski (Chg., Garfield Ridge) as Martha, Caity Barski (Chg. Morgan Park) as Taylor, Maura Stanton (Chg., Beverly) as Kelsi and Dan Finnerty (Evergreen Park) as Jack Scott. Adult roles are played by Nina Ferrari (Burbank) as Ms. Darbus and Dave Guido as the Coach.

"Into the Woods" features a veteran cast of talented performers. Leading the cast are Mark Barishell (Oak Forest) as the Baker, Erin Haynes (Evergreen Park) as the Baker's Wife, Jill Schechtmann as the Witch, Brian Rigg (Orland Park) as the Narrator/Mysterious Man, Margaret Hayes as Jack's mother, Jeff Jurzys as Jack, Stephanie Seweryn (Chg. Ridge) as Little Red

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Riding Hood, Anitra Hutcherson (Chg., Beverly) as Granny, Tony Levine as Cinderella's Prince, Jenn Roney as Cinderella, Colleen Duffy as Rapunzel, Patrick Byrnes as Rapunzel's Prince and Andy Lambros as the Steward. Additional cast members include Julie Schuberth (Chg., Ashburn) as Cinderella's Stepmother, Jeannine Stupka as Florinida, Maura Moran (Evergreen Park) as Lucinda, Ron Buscemi (Evergreen Park) as Cinderella's Fathers, Anitra Hutcherson as the Giant, Cera Chavez (Blue Island) as Snow White, and Megan Cahill (Blue Island) as Sleeping Beauty.

"Oklahoma" will be cast on the first day of Kids Kamp. Kids Kamp information can be obtained by calling 773-881-6512. All shows are performed in the McAuley Theatre, 3737 W. 99th Street,

Chicago (on 99th Street between Central Park and Pulaski). Tickets are reserved for the evening musicals and can be purchased by calling 773-881-6512. Phone orders are accepted with a credit card. Cash and checks are accepted when tickets are purchased at the theatre prior to the show or on the nights of the show. For further information please call 773-881-6512.

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