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News Release

All-of-us Express Children's Theatre Announces 23rd Season Lineup

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — The All-of-us Express Children's Theatre has announced its 23rd season lineup. Area youth are encouraged to audition and the community can mark their calendars for the upcoming productions:

DRACULA: THE VAMPIRE PLAY

Adapted by Tim Kelly from the classic novel by Bram Stoker

Produced by special arrangement with I.E. Clark Publications; Schulenburg, Texas

On stage this fall at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center

Oct. 28, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

Oct. 29, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Auditions: Aug. 25, Aug. 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. - noon

Dr. Van Helsing, a specialist in obscure maladies, discovers that beautiful Lucy Westenra is the victim of a vampire. When Jonathan Harker returns from Transylvania with his own enthralling story of vampirism, suspicion falls on a mysterious new neighbor, Count Dracula, and his frighteningly beautiful wives. This play is filled with wonderfully devised characters, including Renfield, who fancies a diet of flies and spiders; Mina, Jonathan's lovely wife; Arthur, Lucy's doting fiancée; and Dr. Quincy, Lucy's psychiatrist uncle who called in Dr. Van Helsing for help.

ROBIN HOOD

By Larry Blamire

On stage this winter at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center

Feb. 10, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

Feb. 11, 18 at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Auditions: TBA

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In this telling of the classic tale, Robin Hood, the outlaw resident of Sherwood Forest, is helped by a very sword-capable Lady Marion and the other Sherwood Foresters in his crusade for justice. Together, they rescue England from the tyranny and taxation of King John and the sleazy intentions of the Sheriff of Nottingham.

THE LITTLE PRINCE

*Adapted by Rick Cummins and John Scoullar from the book by Antoine de Saint Exupery
Produced by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing; Woodstock, Ill.*

On stage this spring at Riverwalk Theatre

April 20, April 27 at 7 p.m.

April 21, April 28 at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

April 22, April 29 at 2 p.m.

Auditions: TBA

This play tells the story of a world-weary and disenchanted Aviator whose sputtering plane strands him in the Sahara Desert and a mysterious, regal "little man" who appears and asks him to "Please, sir, draw me a sheep." During their two weeks together in the desert, the Little Prince tells the Aviator about his adventures through the galaxy, how he met the Lamplighter and the Businessman and the Geographer; and about his strained relationship with a very special flower on his own tiny planet. The Little Prince talks to everyone he meets: a garden of roses, the Snake and a Fox who wishes to be tamed. From each he gains a unique insight which he shares with the Aviator: "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly." At length, both the little man and the Aviator must go home, each with a new understanding of how to laugh, cry and love again.

JOLLY ROGER AND THE PIRATE QUEEN

By Craig Sodaro

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc.; Englewood, Colo.

On stage this summer at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center

July 27, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m.

July 28, Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Auditions: TBA

Gentleman Roger Goodman has every intention of living his life in a conventional way once he marries the wealthy Sarah Huffington; that is until he overhears her telling her girlfriends how boring he is. The man Sarah really wants to marry is a dashing, daring pirate! Roger immediately buys a ship, recruits a crew and even hires a pirate tutor, Long John Sliver, to show him the ropes. Sliver bequeaths him a new, menacing name, Captain Blood, as well as an intimidating ship name and flag to match. In return, Roger must sail him to Treasure Island to pick up eight chests of gold doubloons. Meanwhile, Sarah has gone off the deep end as well. Knowing she won't find a pirate unless she becomes one, she makes herself into the Pirate Queen and quickly earns a notorious reputation for raiding ship after ship.

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