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BERKELEY PLAYHOUSE YOUTH CONSERVATORY PRESENTS
“INTO THE WOODS JR.”

August 10-12, 2012

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Book by James Lapine

Berkeley Playhouse presents its next YouthStage production, **INTO THE WOODS JR.** The Brothers Grimm “go Broadway” in this unforgettable adaptation of one of Stephen Sondheim’s most popular works. **INTO THE WOODS JR.** intertwines such classic fairytales as *Cinderella*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, and *Jack and the Beanstalk* with the story of a childless baker and his wife. A funny and engaging way to get young people to think about the stories with which they’ve grown up and the ethical issues raised therein, **INTO THE WOODS JR.** shows that fairytales can indeed end in happily ever after (just maybe with different outcomes than you’d expect). Witty and profound, this enchanting hit dazzles with glorious music, memorable songs, and thought-provoking laughter. **Dan Sasaki** directs this moving modern classic, with music direction by **Erika Oba**. The production features performances by young actors enrolled in the Berkeley Playhouse Youth Stage program (students Grades 5-7), a performance section of the Youth Conservatory.

Berkeley Playhouse believes that kids and teens have the ability to command their own audiences. The company’s acclaimed Youth Conservatory gives talented students the opportunity to participate in full-scale youth-only productions of the highest quality with some of the best professional directors, choreographers, and designers in the Bay Area. Cast members of Conservatory productions receive ongoing training in acting, voice, and movement.

Nominated for eight and winner of five BATCC Awards for 2011, Berkeley Playhouse was founded by actor, director, and teacher for over 20 years, Elizabeth McKoy. Under the artistic guidance of McKoy, and Managing Director Lauren Hewitt, Berkeley Playhouse is a professional theater for all ages that presents a season of year-round musicals, providing children and families with unique and sophisticated musical theater experiences. In addition, Berkeley Playhouse has a music theater conservatory which offers a range of educational instruction classes in music performance skills. In 2009, Berkeley Playhouse made its permanent performance home at the historic Julia Morgan Theatre in Berkeley.

DATES: Friday, August 10, 7pm; Saturday, August 11, 2pm; Saturday, August 11, 7pm; Sunday, August 12, 2pm

WHERE: Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave, Berkeley

TICKETS: For tickets (\$20 Adults, \$15 Youth) and more information, the public may visit berkeleyplayhouse.org or call **510-845-8542x351**

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