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**BERKELEY PLAYHOUSE KIDSTAGE PRESENTS**  
**DISNEY'S TARZAN**  
January 18-26, 2014

Story by Edgar Rice Burroughs

Book by David Henry Hwang · Music and Lyrics by Phil Collins

**Berkeley, CA** (November 20, 2013) – **Berkeley Playhouse KidStage** will perform **Disney's TARZAN** as the first KidStage production of the 2013-2014 season. Two separate youth casts, one directed by **Laura Marlin** (*Disney's Peter Pan Jr.* - Choreographer, Bravado - Librettist), Berkeley Playhouse Director of Education **Lisa Appleyard** (*Seussical*, and *School House Rock!*) and Artistic Director **Elizabeth McKoy** (*Peter Pan*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Sound of Music*, and *A Little Princess*) are co-directing the second cast. Music Direction for both casts is provided by **Daniel Savio**.

**Disney's TARZAN** is a high-flying, family musical that features songs by award-winning pop artist, Phil Collins including the Grammy and Oscar-winning ballad, "You'll Be In My Heart." Acclaimed playwright Henry Hwang's book adapts both the Disney film and the classic tale by novelist Edgar Rice Burroughs. **Disney's TARZAN** tells the story of a helpless baby, orphaned by a shipwreck on a West African shore, who becomes part of a gorilla family. As the only human in the tribe, young Tarzan grows up striving for acceptance from his ape father while struggling with his uniqueness. When he eventually encounters his first human—Jane Porter, a curious young botanist from London—both their worlds are transformed forever.

**ABOUT THE CONSERVATORY:**

Berkeley Playhouse believes that kids and teens have the ability to command their own audiences. The company's acclaimed KidStage program 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 KidStage productions receive ongoing training in acting, voice, and movement.

**FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:**

**Show Run:** Jan. 18–Jan. 26

**All performances:** Thursday–Friday (1/23 & 1/24) 7:00pm; Saturday at 1:00pm and 6:00pm; Sunday at 12:00pm and 5:00pm; Monday (1/20 only) 12:00pm and 5:00pm

**Where:** Berkeley Playhouse at the Julia Morgan Theater. 2640 College Ave. Berkeley, 94704

**Tickets:** \$20 for adults, \$15 for youth. The public may visit [www.berkeleyplayhouse.org](http://www.berkeleyplayhouse.org) or call **510-845-8542 x351**. Group rate available.