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West Coast Premiere of Disney's Aladdin Will Open Berkeley Playhouse Season Show Opens at Julia Morgan Center on August 7



BERKELEY, CA - Berkeley Playhouse opens its exciting 2010-2011 professional season with the west coast premiere of Disney's Aladdin on the mainstage in August.

The stage version of Aladdin features all of the familiar songs and colorful characters that made the Disney film one of the all-time best-selling in animated movie history. Audience members will be transported back to the ancient city of Agrabah to follow the adventures of Aladdin, Jasmine, and Jafar and of course, the witty, smart-alec Genie (the character originally played by Robin Williams). Kids and adults of all ages will remember songs like "Arabian Nights," "Friend Like Me" and "A Whole New World."

The show will be directed by Jennifer King, artistic director of Napa Valley Community College Theatre, with musical direction by Bay Area newcomer Amy Dalton. Dane Paul Andres will choreograph, and the set design will be a Nina Ball creation.

Disney's Aladdin is the first in a season of blockbuster shows for all ages by Berkeley Playhouse, one of the fastest-growing companies in the entire Bay Area. The show opens on August 7, and runs through Labor Day weekend at the historic Julia Morgan Center for the Arts (2640 College Avenue, Berkeley).

Tickets and 2010-2011 subscriptions are on-sale now at:
www.berkeleyplayhouse.org.

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The mission of The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts is to foster the development of an artistic community where children and youth create, experience and are transformed by the performing arts. Berkeley Playhouse, a program of The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, provides children and families with unique music theatre experiences. From classes and workshops to youth company performances to professional mainstage shows, Berkeley Playhouse provides something for everyone - from age 2 to 102. Beginning in 2009-2010, Berkeley Playhouse will make its permanent performance home at the Julia Morgan Center stage.



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