

## **Main Street Theater Announces Its 2011-2012 Theater for Youth Season**

Main Street Theater announces the 32<sup>nd</sup> season of its Theater for Youth which serves over 100,000 children and families. The season includes 6 resident productions (including our summer extra) and 1 touring production.

Main Street's TY remains Houston's most-attended theater for youth. Season subscriptions are available. 713-524-6706 or [www.mainstreettheater.com](http://www.mainstreettheater.com)

### **Five Resident, Subscription Productions**

#### **Diary of a Worm, a Spider, and a Fly**

Book, Music & Lyrics by Joan Cushing

Adapted from the DIARY OF A WORM series by Doreen Cronin & Harry Bliss

Directed by Troy Scheid

Musical Direction by Claudia Dyle

Recommended for Pre-Kindergarten and up

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES: October 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2011 at 1pm and 4pm

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES: September 26 –October 28, 2011

It's the first day of school, and Worm, Spider, and Fly are excited to catch up with friends and begin the year, but each critter faces a unique challenge. Based on the ever-popular books, *Diary of a Worm, ...a Spider, and ... a Fly*, this play reminds us that all creatures want to be recognized, appreciated and loved!

Extras:

Join us Saturday, October 1 from 2:30 – 3:30pm for insect arts and crafts using recycled materials! (Free of charge)

Page to Stage Book Club Meeting at the Blue Willow Bookshop: 10am on October 1

Book signing with author Doreen Cronin at the Blue Willow Bookshop: 5pm on October 18

#### **Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells**

By Allison Gregory

Adapted from the JUNIE B. JONES series of books by Barbara Park

Directed by Mark Adams

Recommended for Kindergarten and up

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES: November 25, December 19 – 23 @ 11:30am;

November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10 17, 2011 at 1pm and 4pm

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES: November 7 –December 16, 2011

It's holiday time, and everyone's favorite first grader is back to celebrate! Everyone in Room One is happily creating the perfect holiday party -- but how is Junie B. supposed to enjoy anything when she has drawn the name of her arch nemesis, Tattletale May, for her Secret Santa Gift!! But wait - maybe the Secret Santa gift is the perfect opportunity to give May exactly what she deserves... Holiday fun with a lesson about giving is a perfect treat for the holiday season!

Extras:

Join us Tuesday, December 20 from 9:30 – 11am for a holiday party with Junie B. and her special guest – Santa Claus! (\$15 per child)

Page to Stage Book Club Meeting at the Blue Willow Bookshop: 10am on November 12

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### **Jackie and Me**

By Steven Dietz

Adapted from book JACKIE AND ME by Dan Gutman

Directed by Daria James

Recommended for Fourth Grade and up

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES: February 11 & 18, 2012 at 1pm and 4pm

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES: February 6 - 24, 2012

Young Joey Stoshack has the special power to travel through time, so when he's given an assignment to write a paper about a famous African-American, he chooses Jackie Robinson and heads back to 1947 to meet the man himself. Through his adventures, Joey experiences what it's like to be African-American during a time of segregation and witnesses first-hand Jackie's smashing the color barrier, even when people on his own team are against him.

Extra:

Page to Stage Book Club Meeting at the Blue Willow Bookshop: 10am on February 18

### **How I Became a Pirate**

Book, Music & Lyrics by Janet Yates Vogt and Mark Freidman

Based upon the book HOW I BECAME A PIRATE written by Melinda Long

Directed by Mark Adams

Musical Direction by Claudia Dyle

Recommended for Pre-Kindergarten and up

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES: March 10, 17, 24, 31 at 1pm and 4pm AND

Spring Break - March 12, 13, 14 & 16 @ 11:30am

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES: March 5 - April 5, 2012

AHOY, MATEY! When Captain Braid Beard and his crew invite Jeremy Jacobs to join their voyage, it's the swashbuckling time of his life! No vegetables or table manners, and you get to have sword fights whenever you want. But Jeremy soon misses things like getting tucked into bed, goodnight kisses and story time. A heave-ho, blow-the-man-down tale you won't want to miss!

Extras:

Join us Saturday, March 24 at 11:30am for a Pirate Scavenger Hunt! (\$20 per child)

Page to Stage Book Club Meeting at the Blue Willow Bookshop: 10am on March 17

### **Superfudge**

Book by Michael Slade

Music by David Evans

Lyrics by Faye Greenberg

Based on the book by Judy Blume

Directed by Patti Bean

Musical Direction by Claudia Dyle

Recommended for Kindergarten and up

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES: April 21, 28 and May 5, 12, 19, 2012 at 1pm and 4pm

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES: April 16 – May 25, 2012

Life in the Hatcher household makes 12 year old Peter feel like running away sometimes - especially as his younger brother, Fudge, gets older and becomes more of a pain... And now a new baby is coming, they are moving to a new city, Peter is leaving his best friend behind - and to top it all off, Fudge will be starting Kindergarten at the same school!! A sequel to *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, *Superfudge* will delight audiences with the silly antics of siblings and the challenges of family life.

Extra:

Page to Stage Book Club Meeting at the Blue Willow Bookshop: 10am on April 21

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### **Season Extra (Resident Production)**

#### **Pinkalicious**

Book by Elizabeth Kann & Victoria Kann

Music by John Gregor

Lyrics by John Gregor, Elizabeth Kann & Victoria Kann

Based on the book PINKALICIOUS by Victoria Kann & Elizabeth Kann

Directed by Jimmy Phillips

Musical Direction by Steven Jones

Recommended for Pre-Kindergarten and up

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES: June 3 – July 29, 2012 at 1pm and 4pm

“Can’t I have just one more?” When Pinkalicious eats one too many pink cupcakes, she catches a case of Pinkitis and turns pink from head to toe! Only her broccoli-eating little brother can help her get out of this mess... This smash hit musical based on the popular book by Elizabeth and Victoria Kann is a reminder for all of us that sometimes too much of a good thing is not always wonderful!

Extra: Page to Stage Book Club Meeting at the Blue Willow Bookshop: 10am on June 9

### **Touring Production**

#### **Schoolhouse Rock Live!**

Based on the ABC-TV educational animated series which aired from the 1970's -1980's

Book by Scott Ferguson, Kyle Hall and George Keating

Music and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, Kathy Mandry, George Newall and Tom Yohe

Directed by Andrew Ruthven

Musical Direction by Claudia Dyle

Recommended for Kindergarten and up

TOUR DATES: October 10 - December 18, 2011 and February 13 - May 18, 2012

The Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, science and politics through clever, tuneful songs is lighting up the stage! Tom, a schoolteacher nervous about his first day of teaching, tries to relax by watching TV when various characters emerge from the set and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music, through such beloved Schoolhouse Rock songs as "Just A Bill," "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly" and "Conjunction Junction." Truly fun for all ages!

### **TICKET INFORMATION:**

**FOR FAMILY PERFORMANCES:** Subscriptions to in-house shows are on sale now; Single tickets are \$14 & \$12.

For more information, including information about subscriptions and group ticket pricing, please call 713-524-6706 or visit [mainstreettheater.com](http://mainstreettheater.com).

**FOR SCHOOL MATINEES:** To book a performance for a school, call 713-524-9196 x 101 or visit [mainstreettheater.com](http://mainstreettheater.com).

**FOR THE SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! TOUR:** To book a performance for a school or community center, call 713-524-9196 x 105 or visit [mainstreettheater.com](http://mainstreettheater.com).

Since 1975, Main Street Theater has produced high quality professional theater for audiences of all ages through its MainStage productions and Theater for Youth. The Main Street Theater Kids On Stage program offers performing arts classes and camps for children 5 years to 14 years of age. The organization produces plays at two locations, 2540 Times Boulevard in Rice Village and 4617 Montrose Boulevard at Chelsea Market.

Main Street Theater is a member of the Fresh Arts Coalition, a collaboration of 25 arts organizations that work collectively to raise awareness of the size and diversity of the arts in Houston, and a constituent of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national service organization for not-for-profit theaters. Main Street Theater offers a lively year-round repertory of classic and contemporary plays for audiences of all ages and provides a much-needed showcase for Houston theater professionals. Main Street Theater is also a member of Actors' Equity Association and of ASSITEJ, the world theatre network of theatre for children and young people. Main Street Theater is funded in part by grants from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

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