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Main Street Theater Announces Its 2009-2010 Theater for Youth Season

In-House Productions

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

BASED on the book by Doreen Cronin

ADAPTED for the stage by James E. Grote

MUSIC by George Howe

LYRICS by George Howe and James E. Grote

DIRECTED by Meghan C. Hakes

Recommended for Pre-Kindergarten and up

FAMILY PERFORMANCES: Saturdays, September 26 and October 3 & 10, 2009 at 1pm and 4pm

SCHOOL MATINEES: September 21 – October 16, 2009
Monday – Friday at 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm

Click, clack, moo. Click, clack, moo. Farmer Brown has a problem. His cows like to type! Not only that, but they're cold out there in the barn – and they're smart, too... When Farmer Brown starts getting typed notes from the cows about wanting electric blankets – he dismisses them out of hand. But when the animals go on strike, and he can't get any milk or even any eggs from his hen, he's got to reconsider! *Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type* is a marvelously delightful story about teamwork, ingenuity, and striving for what you believe!

Afternoon of the Elves

BASED on the book by Janet Taylor Lisle

ADAPTED for the stage by Y York

DIRECTED by Daria James

Recommended for Third Grade and up

FAMILY PERFORMANCES: Saturdays, November 7 & 14, 2009 at 1pm and 4pm

SCHOOL MATINEES: October 26 –November 13, 2009
Monday – Friday at 9:30am and 11:45am

Sara-Kate Connolly, the loner with the tough girl attitude introduces her popular classmate, Hillary, to her secret world: a tiny elf village created in Sara-Kate's backyard. The girls' friendship is challenged by other popular kids and even Hillary's parents, but only grows stronger when Sara-Kate reveals the truth about her ailing mother. A beautiful story about the wonder of imagination and the strength of friendship, *Afternoon of the Elves*, is a must-see for the upper elementary and middle school student!

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

BASED on the book by Barbara Robinson

ADAPTED for the stage by Barbara Robinson

DIRECTED by Rebecca Greene Udden

Recommended for Kindergarten and up

FAMILY PERFORMANCES: Saturdays, November 28 and December 5 & 12, 2009 at 1pm and 4pm
Special *Pageant* Family performance on Friday, November 27 at 11:30am

SCHOOL MATINEES: November 23 – December 17, 2009
Monday – Friday at 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm

The Herdman kids are the most horrible children imaginable. They are disrespectful, they cuss, they lie, they smoke cigars – they are every decent person's worst nightmare! So when they show up at church one Sunday and decide to participate in the annual Christmas pageant, everyone is worried, to say the least. But miracles come in all shapes and sizes... Join the fun with this delightfully funny holiday story about the true meaning of Christmas.

Barbara Park's JUNIE B. JONES AND A LITTLE MONKEY BUSINESS

BOOK, MUSIC & LYRICS by Joan Cushing

DIRECTED by Mark Adams

Recommended for Pre-Kindergarten and up

FAMILY PERFORMANCES: Saturdays, February 13, 20, 27, and March 6, 20, 27, 2010
at 1pm and 4pm
Spring Break performances Monday – Friday, March 15 – 19*
at 11:30am
*Friday, March 19th is Target Family Day! Get 2-for-1 tickets and enjoy special pre-show activities and snacks!

SCHOOL MATINEES: February 2 – April 1, 2010
Monday – Friday at 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm

She's back!

Junie B. Jones, the world's most precocious kindergartner, mistakenly believes her new baby brother is actually a monkey. She starts taking bids from Lucille and That Grace, her "bestest" friends, for the first look at him, but then Meanie Jim and Crybaby William enter the fray and things get completely out of control. You won't want to miss seeing the havoc that ensues when Junie B. and friends team up for wild adventures!

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

BASED on the book by Roald Dahl

ADAPTED by Richard R. George

DIRECTED by Daria James

Recommended for First Grade and up

FAMILY PERFORMANCES: Saturdays, April 17, 24 and May 1, 15, 2010 at 1pm and 4pm

SCHOOL MATINEES: April 13 – May 21, 2010
Monday – Friday at 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm

Oompa – Loompas, Golden tickets, and candy bars! Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is a magical fantasy where dreams really do come true. Travel through the wacky (and top secret, shhh!) world of jelly bean stalks, chocolate rivers and hair toffee. Join Charlie, Willy Wonka and all the others in their dazzling adventures through the Chocolate Factory, a journey which celebrates the endless possibilities in life.

Touring Productions

Stuart Little

Based on the story "Stuart Little" by E.B. White
Adapted by Joseph Robinette
Directed By Mark Adams

Recommended for Pre-Kindergarten and up

Stuart Little has a happy life. He loves his mother and father and his brother, George, very much. He loves to sail boats on the pond in Central Park! He also loves his dear friend Margalo, the bird, who comes to stay with them. But when Snowbell, the family cat, frightens Margalo away, Stuart sets out to find her! Young audiences will delight in this touring production of E.B. White's classic children's tale of a little mouse with a BIG sense of adventure!

TOUR DATES: October 19 - December 18, 2009
March 1 - May 14, 2010

Romeo & Juliet

By William Shakespeare
Adapted and Directed by Troy Scheid

Recommended for Middle and High School Students

MST takes Shakespeare on the road again with a fast-paced, hour-long version of *Romeo and Juliet*, the passionate tale of "star-crossed lovers" from "two households divided by an ancient grudge." *R & J* will speak to any adolescent struggling with the tension between peer pressure and the desire for independence. Imbued with youthful energy, this traveling production will mesmerize middle and high school audiences and bring a fresh perspective to this timeless love story.

DATES: March 1 –April 30, 2010

TICKET INFORMATION:

FOR FAMILY PERFORMANCES

Subscriptions to in-house shows are on sale now.

Single tickets are \$10 and \$12.

For more information, including information about subscriptions and group ticket pricing, please call 713-524-6706 or visit www.mainstreettheater.com

FOR SCHOOL MATINEES

To book a performance for a school or community center, call 713-524-9196 x 101 or visit www.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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