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J*COMPANY TO PRODUCE SAN DIEGO PREMIERE
OF DISNEY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2

LA JOLLA, CA – The award-winning J*Company Youth Theatre, a program of the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS, is pleased to announce its production of the blockbuster *DISNEY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2. On Stage!* The production will run **March 7-22, 2009**, at the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. The J*Company San Diego Premiere of *DISNEY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 On Stage!* follows hard on the heels of J*Company's wildly popular production of the first *Disney's High School Musical* last season.

School's out and summer's here! The East High Wildcats are gearing up for three sun and fun filled months of ... work? Troy, Gabriella, Chad and Taylor have scored summer jobs at the Lava Springs Country Club, owned by the family of Sharpay and Ryan Evans. Sharpay's world. Sharpay's rules. Rule No. 1: Get Troy. As she introduces Troy to the most important people in the city, he learns that being friends with the Evans family offers mondo rewards, such as a college scholarship and hanging out with college basketball hotshots. But will he give up the Wildcats and Gabriella to rise to the top? Sweet new songs and mad, awesome dancing make the summer before senior year a time that Wildcats will remember forever.

“We're very excited to be the first to be granted the rights to present this groundbreaking Disney musical,” said J*Company Artistic Director Joey Landwehr. “With our award-winning presentation of the original *High School Musical* we broke all previous box office records, even during last fall's wildfires.”

“Of additional interest, the wonderful young artist who played Gabrielle last year, Arianna Afsar, made it to Hollywood as a contestant on *American Idol* this season,” said Landwehr. “J*Company is truly creating the stars of today and tomorrow.”

Rayme Sciaroni is both Director and Musical Director of *DISNEY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 On Stage!* Sciaroni also directed a hip, fast-paced production of *DISNEY’S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL* for J*Company. Sciaroni has directed, choreographed or served as musical director for a number of off-off New York Broadway shows as well as several large-scale children’s productions such as *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Once Upon A Mattress*, *42nd Street*, and *Oklahoma!* Sciaroni has served as musical director for other J*Company productions including *Guys & Dolls* (which he also directed), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Suds*, *Pippi Longstocking*, *Oliver!*, and *Disney’s Beauty and the Beast*.

More dancing than ever before will be seen on the Garfield Theatre stage, with Broadway veteran **Peter Kalivas** serving as choreographer. The towering set, originally designed for *High School Musical* by Tony Cucuzella, will be rebuilt and adapted by **Christopher Lee Phillips** to look like a summer resort in order to avoid using more natural resources. Recycling the set is part of J*Company’s commitment to environmental responsibility. Lighting Design is by **Andrew Miller**, Sound Design is by **Gingy Cox**, and **Lisa Forrest** is the Costume Designer.

J*Company always provides an educational component to enhance the cast’s learning experience. To emphasize the importance of civic involvement, the young actors have been asked to write to key leaders in California, as well as President and First Lady Obama, expressing their feelings about the importance of arts funding and inviting them to attend a J*Company performance.

Heading the cast are:

Troy Bolton	Matt Maretz	17	Canyon Crest Academy
Gabriella Montez	Alexis Young	13	Coastal Academy
Ryan Evans	Jonathan Edzant	15	Canyon Crest Academy
Sharpay Evans	Adriana Yedidsion	18	La Jolla High School
Zeke Baylor	Zackery Herzog	15	Westview High School
Martha Cox	Mara Jacobs	13	High Tech High Middle Media
Kelsi Nielson	Madeline Maio	14	Coronado School of the Arts
Jack Scott	Scott Peterson	13	St. Paul’s Lutheran School
Chad Danforth	Elliot Rappaport	14	Rancho Santa Fe Middle School
Taylor McKessie	Danielle Smotrich	16	High Tech High International

Production dates and times:

Sat., March 7, 8:00 p.m.

Sun., March 8, 1:00 & 4:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 12, 7:00 p.m.
Fri., March 13, 10:00 a.m. (school show)
Sat., March 14, 8:00 p.m.
Sun., March 15, 1:00 & 4:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 19, 7:00 p.m.
Fri., March 20, 10:00 a.m. (school show)
Sat., March 21, 8:00 p.m.
Sun., March 22, 1:00 & 4:30 p.m.

Tickets for *DISNEY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 On Stage!* are \$13 for children and \$17 for adults and are available online at www.sdcjc.org/jcompany or by calling the JCC Box Office at **858-362-1348**.

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About the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture

The San Diego Center for Jewish Culture is the largest Jewish institution in San Diego dedicated solely to presenting high quality, nationally recognized programs which are unique to San Diego County. The mission of the SDCJC is to expand and enrich cultural life in San Diego by presenting the finest in Jewish artistic expression, encouraging the preservation of Jewish culture and heritage, and nurturing new creativity in the arts. A core belief of the SDCJC is to promote respect for diverse cultures and build community tolerance.

The SDCJC offers a wide variety of multi-disciplinary artistic programs that explore cultural identities and perspectives, promote cross cultural understanding, and highlight human themes of family, tolerance, compassion, and hope. These programs, including the San Diego Jewish Film Festival, the San Diego Jewish Book Fair, New Jewish Plays Project, the San Diego Jewish Music Festival, a Holocaust Education Program, and the J*Company Youth Theatre, foster ideas of cultural appreciation and respect. Its facilities feature a 500-seat theatre, a Judaica library, an art gallery, and a community Holocaust Memorial Garden. Approximately 40,000 tickets are sold or provided annually to residents, visitors, and students for San Diego Center for Jewish Culture events.

About the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS

The mission of the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS is to provide social, cultural, educational, and recreational programs to individuals and families of all ages, religions, races, and financial, physical and mental abilities. Likewise, the JCC provides equal opportunity employment to individuals of all religions and backgrounds. The JCC welcomes San Diego's diverse Jewish community and the community at large. The Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS is located at 4126 Executive Drive in La Jolla.



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