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J*COMPANY YOUTH THEATRE ANNOUNCES
2009-2010 SEASON FEATURING THE CLASSIC FAMILY
MUSICALS OF RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN

Auditions Open County-wide

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 17th season of family entertainment featuring four classic musicals by Rodgers & Hammerstein: The 60th Anniversary production of *SOUTH PACIFIC*, one of the biggest Tony Award-winning musicals of all time; the charming, autobiographical *THE KING AND I*; the 50th Anniversary production of the ever-popular *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*; and *CINDERELLA*, the first ever made-for-television musical. All productions take place at the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre. J*Company Artistic Director Joey Landwehr is directing all four productions.

“Comfort Theatre”, a title I coined for this our 17th Season, is the perfect description for the exuberant set of non-stop nostalgia shows we have in store for the San Diego community. Every show a multiple Tony Award Winner, every show a J*Company Premiere, and every show written by the greatest American Musical writing team; what more could one ask for?! Ever since I was a young boy I have loved these masterpieces and was aghast when I mentioned them to the youth in San Diego, many of them not knowing what I was talking about. I knew something had to be done! In a world of *High School Musicals* and *Shrek The Musical* and *Spring Awakening* I feel it is my duty to teach these wonderful young artists where these shows received their beginnings in the Golden Age of musical theatre. So come and experience these beautiful pieces again for the first time – through the eyes of your children.

SOUTH PACIFIC – Show dates: **October 15-25, 2009**

It all starts “Some Enchanted Evening” on an island paradise during World War II, where two parallel love stories are threatened by the dangers of prejudice and war. The natural beauty of the islands, the hijinks of the sailors, the danger of war, and the strength of true love are joined by a sensational Rodgers and Hammerstein score featuring such hits as “Bali Ha’i,” “Younger Than Springtime,” and “I’m Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair.” Based on James Michener’s Pulitzer Prize-winning *Tales of the South Pacific*, the musical was nominated for ten Tony Awards and won all of them, including Best Musical, Best Score, Best Libretto and all four awards for acting. J*Company will produce a gorgeous 60th Anniversary production for the entire family.

THE KING AND I – Show dates: **December 3-13, 2009**

East versus West makes for a dramatic and ultimately uplifting visual and musical masterpiece. ***THE KING AND I*** is the true story of an Englishwoman, Anna Leonowens, who comes to Siam as schoolteacher to the royal children of King Mongkut in the 1860s. Eventually, Anna and the King grow to understand and respect one another in a truly unique love story. With a dazzling score featuring such songs as “I Whistle A Happy Tune,” “Getting to Know You,” and the ever-popular “Shall We Dance?” this show won the Tony Award for Best Musical in 1951 and remains a delight for audiences of all ages.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC – Show dates: **March 4-21, 2010**

Based on the memoir of Maria von Trapp, the final collaboration between Rodgers & Hammerstein was destined to become the world’s most beloved musical. When a postulant proves too high-spirited for the religious life, she is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain. She gradually captures the hearts of both children and father. The family’s narrow escape from the Nazis over the mountains to Switzerland provides one of the most thrilling and inspirational finales ever presented in the theatre. The musical includes some of the greatest musical theatre pieces ever created such as “Climb Every Mountain,” “Sixteen Going on Seventeen,” and “Edelweiss.” Just like brown paper packages tied up with string, this J*Company 50th Anniversary production will prove to be one of your favorite things.

CINDERELLA – Show dates: **May 6-16, 2010**

The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with charm and elegance. Originally presented on television in 1957 starring Julie Andrews, ***CINDERELLA*** was the most widely viewed program in history. Its recreation in 1965 starring Lesley Ann Warren was no less successful in transporting a new generation to the miraculous kingdom of dreams-come-true, and so was a second **remake** in 1997, which starred Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as her Fairy Godmother.

The 2010 J*Company stage adaptation will continue to delight with great warmth and more than a touch of hilarity. The hearts of children and adults alike will soar as the slipper still fits.

Audition Information

Auditions times are listed below. All students age 7-12 must be enrolled in a J*Company class to be eligible for an audition appointment. Young artists should come prepared with a musical theatre selection of their choice with sheet music (an accompanist will be provided), a headshot/snapshot, and a resume (if available). No tapes or CDs **may be used**. Young artists who need help with song selection or vocal coaching can attend pre-audition vocal lessons with a professional voice coach, and use sheet music **from J*Company's** music library. For more information, call 858-362-1155.

For information on classes, go to www.sdcjc.org/jcompany. To reserve an audition time, call **858-457-3030, ext. 1200**.

South Pacific

Auditions: July 21, 2009, 4:00-5:00 p.m. and August 18-19, 2009, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Ages 7-18 may audition

The King and I

Pre-Audition Informational Meeting: Tues., Sept. 2, 2009, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Auditions: September 22-23, 2009, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Ages 7-18 may audition

The Sound of Music

Pre-Audition Informational Meeting: Tues., Dec 8, 2009, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Auditions: January 5-6, 2010, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Ages 7-18 may audition

Cinderella

Pre-Audition Informational Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Auditions: March 9-10, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Ages 7-13 may audition

General Information

Season Subscriptions and single tickets to J*Company's 17th Anniversary season of Rodgers & Hammersteins' ***SOUTH PACIFIC, THE KING AND I, THE SOUND OF MUSIC,*** and ***CINDERELLA*** are currently on sale. All performances take place at the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS,

4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. Call **858-362-1348** or visit www.sdcjc.org/jcompany for more information.

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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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