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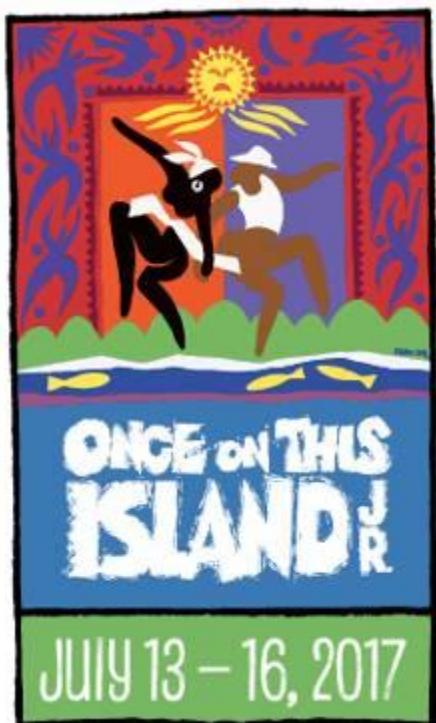
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ONCE ON THIS ISLAND JR

Presented by the New Stage Broadway Junior Summer Camp



JACKSON.—New Stage Theatre’s Summer Day Camp will present *Once On This Island, Jr.*, July 13 through 16. The performances are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 16 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased by calling the New Stage box office at (601) 948-3531 or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com.

Once On This Island, Jr. is sponsored by The Walker Foundation and Feild Co-Operative.

Produced by New Stage’s Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive, *Once On This Island, Jr.* is a highly original theatrical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen’s popular fairy tale, *The Little Mermaid*. Through almost non-stop song and dance, this full-hearted musical tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. When Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest that will test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred, and even death.

“*Once On This Island, Jr.* has been a treat to work on this year,” said Chris Roebuck, director of *Once On This Island, Jr.* “It is a lovely story of the power of love in the face of prejudice and hatred. We’ve double cast the show, giving more students an opportunity to shine, and gives the camp staff more opportunities to impart some of our theatrical experience to the students.”

As the culminating production of the four-week Broadway Junior Summer Theatre Intensive, *Once On This Island, Jr.* is ready for production. Director Chris Roebuck recruited Choreographer Carleigh Dunbar and Music Director Harlan Zackery, Jr. to assist him in this production. Both are professionals working in the community.

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The “Jamaica” Cast members performing Thursday, July 13 and Saturday, July 15 include: From Jackson—Nehemiah Thompson, Treasure White, Camille Halverson, Claire Porter, Alex Forbes, Claire Forbes, Timothy Magee, Conner Stallings, Brian Stallings, Avery Stallings. Jaydin Copas, Harrison Speed, Lauren Hite, Keith Palmer, Mackenzie Williams, Darby Frost, Oluchi Nwaokorie, Samuel Gaylor, Sarah Fowler, Taniah Jackson, Aaryka Handy, Lucas Morrissey, and Anabel Morgan; From Hinds County—Bailey Hughes (Clinton), Lane Craft (Clinton), Asia Smith (Clinton); From Rankin County—Lauren Brogan (Brandon), Rebecca McWilliams (Brandon), Maecy Kate Reed (Pearl), Meredith Mohler (Richland), and Jordan McClelland (Flowood); From Madison County—Hannah Dill (Ridgeland), Lauren Tanaka (Ridgeland), Jory Tanaka (Ridgeland), Payton Dill (Ridgeland), Coen Mooney (Madison), Kalyn Giesecke (Madison), Harrison Palmerton (Madison), John Henry Turner (Madison), and Victoria Chough (Madison).

The “Barbados” Cast members performing Friday, July 14 and Sunday, July 16 include: From Jackson—Jaja Sanders, Catherine Watson, Christopher McDonald, Jeffrey Cornelius, Georgia Conrad, Yasmine Ware, Chloe Vizier, D’Ambrah Watts, Alandria Myers, Luke Langford, and Charlie Corkern; From Hinds County—Sarah Pittman (Bolton), Arianna Brumfield (Terry), Arielle Brumfield (Terry), Natalie Pace (Clinton), Reese Robinson (Clinton), Grace Bethany (Clinton), Amber Amis (Clinton), Emma Daniel (Clinton), and Logan Heidik (Clinton); From Rankin County—Emily Rutland (Brandon), Chris Russell (Brandon), Ivy Graham (Brandon), Kalen Wallace (Brandon), Sarah McGaughy (Brandon), Avery Neyland (Pearl), Avery Rogers (Pearl), Genevieve Kelly (Pearl), and Karis Irwin (Florence); From Madison County—Hannah Brady (Madison), Colin Ridgway (Madison), Caden Miller (Madison), Lili Hobdy (Madison), Whitten Gray (Madison), Jessica Smith (Madison), Isabella Ragazzi (Madison), Devin Ranftle (Ridgeland), Phoebe Guinn (Ridgeland), and Lucy McCain (Ridgeland); And from Newton—Marshall Robertson.

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