

NEW STAGE *Theatre*

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ALL YOU NEED IS FAITH, TRUST, AND A LITTLE PIXIE DUST **Peter Pan Flies into New Stage this Holiday Season**



JACKSON—New Stage Theatre presents the high flying, musical favorite *Peter Pan* this holiday season. Let your imagination fly with Peter Pan and the Darling children – all the way to Neverland December 4-21 and January 9-18. Curtain times and dates for performances are Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. Ticket prices are \$28.00 with discounts available for students, senior citizens and groups. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, located inside the Jane Reid Petty Theatre Center, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3531 or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com. The production is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, Trustmark, and the Sam E. and Burnice C. Wittel Foundation.

Based on J.M. Barrie's classic tale, *Peter Pan* whisks you away to a place where dreams are born and no one ever grows up! Peter and his mischievous fairy sidekick Tinker Bell visit the nursery of the Darling children late one night and with a sprinkle of pixie dust begin a magical journey across the stars that none of them will ever forget. In the adventure of a lifetime the travelers come face to face with a ticking crocodile, a fierce Indian tribe, a band of bungling pirates, and of course the villainous Captain Hook. Featuring the iconic songs *I'm Flying*, *I've Gotta Crow*, *I Won't Grow Up*, and *Never Never Land*, *Peter Pan* is the perfect show for the child in all of us who dreamed of soaring high and never growing up.

“The winter holidays are a time for magic and innocence. By offering *Peter Pan* at this time, New Stage Theatre wishes to provide a magical and musical event for the entire family that captures the happy feelings of an enjoyable child hood,” said New Stage artistic director Francine Thomas Reynolds. “*Peter Pan* is the perfect show for the child in all of us who dreamed of soaring high and never growing up. *Peter Pan* is a musical with so many technical elements and artistic elements including singing, dancing, fight choreography, flying, multiple locations and double casts; I am pleased that our resident designer Brent W. Lefavor is at the helm of this ambitious production.”

For the show’s director, Brent W. Lefavor, *Peter Pan* is one of his favorite musicals. “I am thrilled to be directing this production. I have a very strong memory of watching Mary Martin’s TV version of Peter Pan on our old black and white at an unhappy point in my childhood. That evening, I escaped into a magical world filled with hope, love and laughter – sentiments expounded by James M. Barrie in *Peter Pan* and experienced by a 10 year old child who needed them. By the way – I still believe in fairies.”

The cast includes Katie Emerson (New York, NY) as the boy who never grows up - Peter Pan, David Spencer (Pawling, NY) as the villainous Captain Hook and Mr. Darling, Lee Waits (Hattiesburg) as Wendy Darling, Mandy Kate Myers (Pearl) as Mrs. Darling, Sonia Arredondo (Vicksburg) as Tiger Lily, and Joseph Frost (Jackson) as Smee. Cast as the Pirates are Cory Drake (Jackson), Richard Lawrence (Jackson), Chris Roebuck (Ridgeland), Valencia Proctor (Jackson), Katie Beth Jewell (Jackson), Patrick Moran (Jackson), Augustus Bennett (Jackson), Neill Kelly (Ridgeland), Jacobi Hall (Troy, AL), and LaMario Stanley (Greenwood). *Due to the number of school matinee performances all youth roles have been double cast. Cast “A” includes:* Evan Morrissey (Jackson) as John

Darling and Darby Frost (Jackson) as Michael Darling. The Lost Boys are Cade Mitchell (Brandon), Justin Bell (Jackson), Willis Thigpen (Jackson), Will Polk (Clinton), and Chesney Mitchell (Brandon). **Cast "B" includes:** Harrison Speed (Jackson) as John Darling and Peter Downing (Madison) as Michael Darling. The Lost Boys are Jeffrey Cornelius (Jackson), Wake Monroe (Jackson), Alex Forbes (Jackson), and Kingsley Nwaokorie (Jackson). *Emerson and Spencer appear through the courtesy of the Actors' Equity Association.*

Peter, Wendy, and company will take flight thanks to a little fairy dust, happy thoughts and ZFX Flying Effects. Founded in 1994, ZFX has delivered a fresh perspective to the ancient craft of flying effects by using a dynamic style. They quickly became an industry leader and the top flying effects company in the world, with offices on two continents. ZFX has proudly grown with nearly 50 full-time employees around the globe who are experts in their craft including Flying Directors, Choreographers, Designers, and even Performers. Rising from a handful of dedicated craftsmen and artists, ZFX continues to maintain their small-company attitude by treating each client (and employee) as if they were their only.

Peter Pan performances are December 4-21, 2014 and January 9-18, 2015. Ticket prices are \$28.00 with discounts available for students, senior citizens and groups. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3531 or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com. The theatre is located in the Jane Reid Petty Theatre Center at 1100 Carlisle Street in the Belhaven neighborhood.

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Schedule & Ticket Information

Where The Jane Reid Petty Theatre Center,
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Dates Open: December 4
Close: January 18

Performance Times Thur. thru Sat: 7:30 pm
Sundays: 2:00 pm

Tickets \$28.00; seniors/students \$22; student
rush \$10 (with valid student ID);
group discounts are available

Box Office Telephone: 601-948-3531
Online: www.newstagetheatre.com
Email: tickets@newstagetheatre.com
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 am – 5 pm
Hours Tues. Preview - 10 am -7:30
During Tues.-Fri. 10 am - 7:30 pm
Show: Sat. 4 pm - 7:30 pm
Sun. 1 pm - 2 pm

Tickets Online Tickets may be purchased 24 hours a
day, seven days a week at
www.newstagetheatre.com (*a per-
ticket service fee of \$3 applies to all
online purchases*)

Information Call 601-948-3531 or visit New Stage
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Performance Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				Dec. 4 7:30 p.m.	5 7:30 p.m.	6 7:30 p.m.
7 2:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11 7:30 p.m.	12 7:30 p.m.	13 7:30 p.m.
14 2:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18 7:30 p.m.	19 7:30 p.m.	20 7:30 p.m.
21 2:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Jan. 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 7:30 p.m.	10 7:30 p.m.
11 2:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16	17 7:30 p.m.
18 2:00 p.m.						

Production Information

Director Brent W. Lefavor
Musical Director Harlan Zackery, Jr.
Choreographer Andrew Leatherman
Stage Manager Elise McDonald
Scenic Designer Cody Stockstill
Costume Designer Caleb Blackwell
Lighting Designer Brent W. Lefavor

Company
Peter Pan Katie Emerson
Wendy Darling Lee Waits
Nana Richard Lawrence
Mrs. Darling Mandy Kate Myers
Mr. Darling/Captain Hook David Spencer
Smee Joseph Frost
Tiger Lily Sonia Arredondo

Pirates
Cory Drake Richard Lawrence Chris Roebuck
Valencia Proctor Katie Beth Jewell Patrick Moran
Augustus Bennett Neill Kelly Jacobi Hall
LaMario Stanley

John Darling
Michael Darling
Slightly
Tootles
Curly
Twin #1
Twin #2

Cast A
Evan Morrissey
Darby Frost
Cade Mitchell
Justin Bell
Willis Thigpen
Will Polk
Chesney Mitchell

Cast B
Harrison Speed
Peter Downing
Cade Mitchell
Jeffrey Cornelius
Wake Monroe
Alex Forbes
Kingsley Nwaokorie