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**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP'S TOWN HALL THEATRE PRESENTS:**

**James**  **and the Giant Peach**

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP** – Washington Township's Town Hall Theatre presents the All Children's Theatre production of ***James and the Giant Peach*** **March 5-22, 2009** at Town Hall Theatre. Based on the children's book by *Roald Dahl*, this tale of a young boy's extraordinary adventures on a giant flying peach will be presented on **Fridays at 7:30pm** and on **Saturdays and Sundays at 3pm**, with a special opening **matinee on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**.

Town Hall Theatre is located at 27 N Main Street in the heart of Centerville. **Ticket prices are \$10 Adults, \$8 Seniors & Students and \$6 for Children (12 & Under)**. All day of show tickets are \$10. Reserve tickets online at [www.townhalltheatre.org](http://www.townhalltheatre.org) or call **937-433-8957**. The production lasts approximately 70 minutes and is recommended for children ages 4 and up.

When magic touches an old peach tree, strange things start happening. A giant peach grows as large as a house, and when James crawls inside, he meets a bunch of marvelous oversized friends including Old-Green-Grasshopper, Centipede, Ladybug and Miss Spider. With a snip of the stem, the peach starts rolling away, and the exciting adventure begins!

The large cast features 34 area youth performers between grades 2-12. Centerville High School student, **Michael Wasser** plays the title role and is accompanied on his adventures by an ensemble of strange creatures played by: **Sean Brown** (Centerville) as *Grasshopper*, **Payton Johnston** (Springboro) as *Ladybug*, **Emily Caruso** (Bellbrook) as *Silkworm*, **Jordan Davis** (Centerville) as *Glow Worm*, **Abby Knupp** (Bellbrook) as *Centipede*, **Torie Striebel** (Centerville) as *Spider* and **Lauren DiMario** as *Earthworm*.

*James and the Giant Peach* is directed by John Lavarney, who last directed *Bridge to Terabithia*, *Doctor Dolittle* and *The Wind in the Willows* for Town Hall Theatre and serves as the props master at Wright State University. The show receives musical direction from Becky Barrett-Jones and choreography by Stacy Gear and features a set design by Weber-Prianti Scenic Studios of Wilmington, Delaware, with costumes by Briley Lambert, lighting by Robyn Joyce, sound by John Anker Bow and props by Michelle Leigh. Anita Jackson stage manages the show.

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For more information on this production and to find out more about our program offerings including a complete listing of the 2008-2009 *Pure Imagination* Season, please contact the Box Office at **(937) 433-8957** or log on to our website at **[www.townhalltheatre.org](http://www.townhalltheatre.org)**.

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