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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP'S TOWN HALL THEATRE PRESENTS:

Madeline and the Gypsies

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP – Washington Township's Town Hall Theatre welcomes back everyone's favorite French boarding school girls when the Landmark Children's Theatre Company presents ***Madeline and the Gypsies* February 12-28, 2010.**

This musical follow-up to last season's *Madeline's Christmas* was first presented in 2009 at the famed Children's Theatre Company in Minneapolis and opens as the Midwest's regional premiere on **Friday, February 12th**. Performances will be held on **Fridays at 7pm and on Saturdays and Sundays at 3pm thru February 28th**.

Town Hall Theatre is located at 27 North Main Street in the "Heart of Centerville", directly beside Panera Bread. **Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for students and seniors and \$10 for children 12 & under. All day of show tickets are \$15.** Reserve tickets online at www.townhalltheatre.org or call **937-433-8957**. The production lasts approximately 90 minutes and is **recommended for children ages 4 and up.**

In this episode of Ludwig Bemelmens' series, Madeline's naughty next-door neighbor, Pepito, the son of the Spanish Ambassador, proves a bad influence when he convinces Madeline to run away with the gypsy circus. The two are adopted by the mysterious Gypsy Mama and experience "life on the road," complete with sleeping in late, no rules or schedules to follow and lots of exciting adventures! In the end, however, it's Miss Clavel and the girls to their rescue just in the nick of time!

The production features a 41-member cast including **Centerville residents Cecily Dowd** as *Madeline* and **Aleksie Rengel** as *Madeline's Understudy* and **Springboro residents Jack Blair** as *Pepito* and **Tucker Dandenault** as *Pepito's Understudy*. Centerville adult performers include **Becky Barrett-Jones** as *Miss Clavel*, **C.J. Suchyta** as *the Clown* and **Mark Reuter** as *the Strongman*. **Elaine Wilson**, of Cincinnati, revels in the role of the mysterious *Gypsy Mama*.

The theatre has pulled out all the stops as they attempt to recreate the magic of the circus, bringing in famed mascot performer and former Ringling Brothers clown, **Derek Dye**, to conduct training workshops with the cast. "It hasn't been easy but it's always fun," says director Mark Metzger. "Watching the commitment and growth of these young performers as they tackle everything from juggling and plate spinning to stilt-walking and unicycling has made for some very unique rehearsals!" The theatre also hired master illusionist **Phil Dalton** to teach the cast several tricks, including knife-throwing, levitation and a segment where gypsies stick real swords through a living person!

The production is presented by the Landmark Children's Theatre Company, the theatre's premiere series featuring adult actors performing with young people. It is directed by Managing Artistic Director, **Mark Metzger**. **Greg Dastillung**, a resident of Springboro, music directs. **Amy Burgess** (Cincinnati) choreographs. The show features a set design by Michael Brewer, lighting by Ryan Bochnowski and costumes by Briley Lambert. Anita Jackson stage manages the show.

FOR OUR PRESS CONTACTS: For an electronic copy of this press release and copy of the cast bios and the schools they attend, as well as **HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTOS** please visit our website at **www.townhalltheatre.org** and click on our **[Media Link](#)**.

For more information on this production and to find out more about our program offerings including a complete listing of the 2009-2010 *Dreams Come True* season, please contact the Box Office at **(937) 433-8957** or log on to our website at **www.townhalltheatre.org**.

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