



Summer Youth Theatre

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SUMMER YOU THEATRE TO PRESENT *INTO THE WOODS*

Summer Youth Theatre (SYT), south Dayton's premier theatre experience for serious young performers for over 45 years, is in rehearsal for their summer production of Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*. Since 1969, southern Dayton theatre-goers have been treated to SYT's outstanding programming which features bold and ambitious projects. Director Tina Shatto and music Director Brett Greenwood have assembled an impressive team for this production including a stellar cast with students from Centerville, Springboro, Germantown, Middletown, Monroe, Franklin, Lebanon, Edgewood

This Longstanding program has served SYT's students very well as many of them have gone on to professional careers in national tours, regional theater, college musical theater professors, and even Broadway.

Into the Woods is what you get when you take all of your favorite fairytale characters and throw them into one place under the genius of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine. This is a creative take on the stories we all grew up with that audiences of all ages will relate to and enjoy. The main characters come from the classic fairytales Cinderella, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, and are tied together by a more original story involving the baker and his wife and their quest to begin a family. While everyone is familiar with the traditional fairytale ending of happily ever after, this musical follows these stories even further to explore what happens after the happily ever after.

Director Tina Shatto said the show is a fun, yet dark, musical that warns people to be careful what they wish for, because they just might get it. One of Sondheim's most popular works, *Into the Woods* is a musically sophisticated show and stars Alexandra Daigle as the witch, Jacob Lovelace as the baker and Jillian Mitchell as the baker's wife.

Into the Woods is a musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine. It debuted on Broadway in 1987 and ran for 764 performances garnering many awards during its initial Broadway run including Best Actress in a Musical and Best Original Book and Score. The show has spawned numerous national tours and revivals and remains one of the American Theatre's best loved musicals to produce. *Into the Woods* was even adapted in the recent blockbuster movie that starred Meryl Streep and Johnny Depp.

Into the Woods will play at Franklin High School's McDade Auditorium, 750 E 4th St, Franklin, OH 45005. Performances will be June 26th and 27th at 7:30 and June 28th at 2:30. Tickets prices are \$8 presale, \$10 at the door, seniors and students under 12 are \$8. Reservations are recommended and can be made by visiting the website.

We welcome an in depth look and interviews with our staff and performers.

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