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GAMM STAGES PLAY FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES ADAPTED FROM POPULAR JUDY MOODY & STINK BOOK SERIES

WARWICK, RI (September 11, 2019) — The Gamm Education Department presents Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt by Megan McDonald, adapted by Allison Gregory. Local actor, musician and playwright Dave Rabinow will direct adult actors in a variety of roles in this exciting stage adaptation based on the beloved, award-winning book series. This rollicking play for young audiences and their families finds Judy and Stink in a race to win the "Pirate Challenge," and give Judy more than a boring T-shirt to represent her amazing summer vacation.

Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt marks The Gamm's third season producing a play for young audiences adapted from a popular children's book series. The past two shows, adapted from Bill Harley's Charlie Bumpers books, were resounding successes. **Gamm Education Director Susie Schutt** said she expects Judy Moody & Stink to draw even larger audiences because of the series' trademark humor and grade-school sensibility that its fans enjoy.

"Promoting reading and enhancing literacy skills are integral to our mission at The Gamm, so we're excited to stage a story from the *Judy Moody & Stink* series," Schutt said. "We hope that young audiences will not only enjoy the show, but have a renewed and invigorated interest in reading."

Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt runs from October 10-16 at The Gamm Theatre, 1245 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rl. Tickets are \$10 for kids and \$15 for adults. Tickets for groups of 10 or more are \$10 for all ages. Seating is general admission. Tickets: 401-723-4266 or gammtheatre.org.

An additional performance on Friday, October 18 at 7 pm at Lincoln School in Providence will help kick off this year's Rhode Island Festival of Children's Book and Authors, with Megan McDonald in attendance. Details at www.lincolnschool.org/life-at-lincoln/rhode-island-festival-of-childrens-books-and-authors.

ABOUT THE PLAY

Judy and Stink co-star in this exciting adventure, crawling with pirates and puzzles, carbuncles and chuckles! As soon as the Moody family drops anchor on Artichoke Island, they are greeted by Cap'n Weevil, a one-eyed buccaneer with a secret treasure map. Soon, Judy and Stink are racing across the island in search of gold. But—shiver me timbers!—they're not the only salty dogs lookin' for loot. Can Mad Molly O'Maggot and Scurvy Stink beat out their rivals, Tall Boy and Smart Girl? Can they find the hidden clues, crack the secret codes, and solve the tricky puzzles before time runs out? Aaarrr!

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt by Megan McDonald, adapted by Allison Gregory, directed by Dave Rabinow

CAST

Judy ... **Olivia Winters** Stink ... **Maggie Papa**

Ensemble ... Alexis Ingram, Ava Mascena, Cassidy McCartan, Kelly Robertson, Tyra Wilson

Stage Management by Jessica Corsentino

CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES

Saturday, October 12 at 11 AM Sunday, October 13 at 2 PM Monday, October 14 at 11 AM (Columbus Day)

STUDENT MATINEES/FIELD TRIPS

Thursday, October 10 at 10 AM Friday, October 11 at 10 AM Tuesday, October 15 at 10 AM Wednesday, October 16 at 10 AM

To book a student matinee/field trip, contact Box Office Manager Drew Wright at 401-723-4266 ext. 112.

ABOUT THE GAMM THEATRE

Founded in 1984, the non-profit Gamm Theatre creates the finest of live theater, engaging the audience intensely in the most salient issues of our time and all time. The Gamm further serves the public with educational outreach programming designed to support the theatrical experience, and help sustain and enhance the intellectual and cultural life of its community. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Tony Estrella, The Gamm is a regionally recognized, award-winning theater and a proud member of New England Area Theatre (NEAT), a bargaining unit of the Actors' Equity Association.