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**SOUTH MILWAUKEE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
& SOUTH MILWAUKEE YOUTH THEATRE PROUDLY PRESENT
101 Dalmations KIDS and *SHREK The Musical, JR.***

(South Milwaukee, WI) – South Milwaukee Youth Theatre (SMYT) is proud to present two musical theatre productions this summer, including *Disney's 101 Dalmations KIDS* for 6-11 year-old students, and *SHREK The Musical, JR.* for 12-18 year-old students. South Milwaukee Youth Theatre is an educational summer program for youth provided by the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center. Last summer, more than 125 students from south suburban communities participated in the 6-week program.

The mission of South Milwaukee Youth Theatre is to create a safe, respectful and collaborative environment for students to learn the values and life skills of teamwork, confidence, honesty, kindness, perseverance and responsibility through the performing arts. Everyone who enrolls gets a part. For more information, including rehearsal schedules, visit www.southmilwaukeepac.org/youth-theatre. To enroll, call the box office at 414-766-5049, Mon.-Thurs. 10am-4pm. Pre-registration is limited to the first 90 students (ages 6-11) and first 50 students (ages 12-18). The last day to register is May 19. Auditions are May 22-23.

Disney's 101 Dalmations KIDS (For actors 6-11 years of age)

Based on the classic animated film, *Disney's 101 Dalmatians KIDS* is a fur-raising adventure featuring Cruella De Vil, Disney's most outrageous villain, and 101 of the most adorable heroes to set their paws onstage. With a high-spirited score and lovable characters, this stage adaptation is certain to charm and delight all audiences. Pet owners, Roger and Anita, live happily in London with their Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdita, stalwart dogs devoted to raising their puppies. Everything is quiet until Anita's former classmate, the monstrous Cruella De Vil, plots to steal the puppies for her new fur coat. The Dalmatians rally all the dogs of London for a daring rescue of the puppies from Cruella and her bumbling henchmen.

Dreamworks SHREK The Musical, JR (For actors 12-18 years of age)

Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in *Shrek The Musical JR.*, based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and fantastic Broadway musical. It's a "big bright beautiful world" as everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, leads



a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance. Part romance and part twisted fairy tale, *Shrek JR.* is an irreverently fun show with a powerful message for the whole family. Once upon a time, in a far away swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek. One day, Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits who have been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wisecracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he's handed a task – if he rescues feisty princess Fiona, his swamp will be righted. Shrek tries to win Fiona's love and vanquish Lord Farquaad, but a fairytale wouldn't be complete without a few twists and turns along the way.

Pre-registration is required. For more information, visit www.southmilwaukeepac.org/youth-theatre.

Ticket Information

Junior students 6-11 years of age will perform in *101 Dalmations KIDS* on July 15 at 1:00 and 6:00 pm. Senior students who are 12-18 years of age will perform in *SHREK The Musical, JR.* on July 28th at 7:00 pm, July 29th at 7:00 pm and July 30st at 2:00 pm. All performances will be held at the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee. Tickets are available at the SMPAC Box Office Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., by calling (414) 766-5049, or online at www.southmilwaukeepac.org. Tickets are general admission and \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

About SMYT

The South Milwaukee Youth Theatre program creates a safe, respectful and collaborative environment for students to learn the values and life skills of teamwork, confidence, honesty, kindness, perseverance and responsibility through the production of high-quality performances. South Milwaukee Youth Theatre started in 1979 and has produced more than 40 musicals including, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Cinderella*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *High School Musical*, *Robin Hood*, *Peter Pan*, *Music Man* and *Into the Woods*. SMYT hopes to bring a new variety of musicals to the community and give children a fun way to express their creativity through song and acting.



About SMPAC

The South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center (SMPAC) provides the greater Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin communities with creative, innovative and diverse performing arts. Located on the South Milwaukee 6-12 campus, it serves the students of the city of South Milwaukee and provides professional services for more than 500 shows, performances, rehearsals and other events annually.

The South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center is located at 901 15th Avenue in South Milwaukee between College and Rawson Avenues. It is easily accessible from I-94 and 794. Free parking is located in the northwest parking lot. Patrons should enter door #9. For tickets or directions, call 414-766-5049. For more information about the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, visit southmilwaukeepac.org.

