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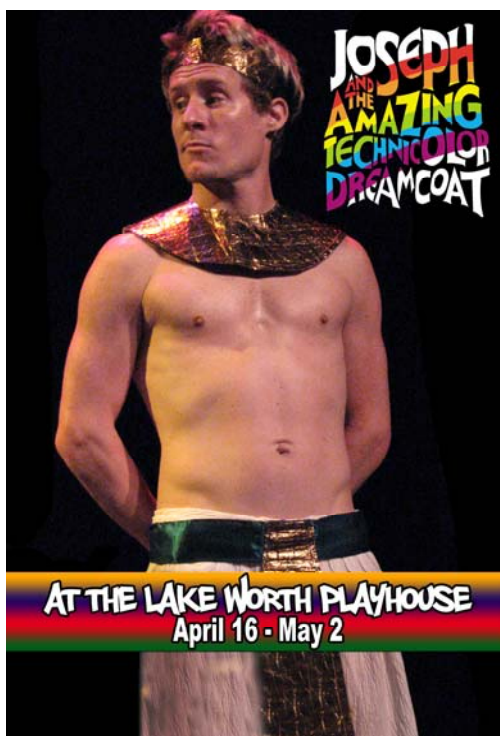
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Playhouse Presents Rice & Lloyd Webber's Vibrant Musical Parable – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

LAKE WORTH, Florida (April 7, 2010) – The Lake Worth Playhouse rounds out its 57th season with the Tim Rice/Andrew Lloyd Webber musical collaboration, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The show runs April 6 through May 2 at the Playhouse, located at 713 Lake Avenue in downtown Lake Worth.

Originally written more than forty years ago as a 30-minute pop cantata for performance in schools, *Joseph* was one of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's first collaborations. Fueled by early praise and a desire to expand the show, Rice and Webber modified the script, and *Joseph* was professionally staged as a full-scale musical in 1972. It achieved worldwide acclaim on professional stages and tours, and quickly became a regular fixture on amateur stages and in church performances. Jason Donovan, Donny Osmond, Phillip Schofield, Gareth Gates and Lee Mead have all played the title role of Joseph in major productions.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a humorous musical retelling of the Old Testament story of Jacob and his twelve sons. Joseph is his father's favorite son and a boy blessed with prophetic dreams. When he is sold into slavery by his jealous brothers and taken to Egypt, Joseph endures a series of adventures in which his spirit and humanity are continually challenged. Soon after he is purchased by Potiphar, he finds himself thrown in jail for the crime of thwarting Potiphar's wife's advances. When news of Joseph's gift of being able to interpret dreams reaches the Pharaoh, Joseph is well on his way to becoming second in command. Eventually his brothers, having suffered greatly, unknowingly find themselves groveling at the feet of the brother they



betrayed but no longer recognize. After testing their integrity, Joseph reveals himself to his bewildered brothers, leading to a heartfelt reconciliation of the sons of Israel.

Musical numbers include the country-style *One More Angel in Heaven*, the retro '50s pop favorite *Go, Go, Go, Joseph*, a hip-shaking rendition of *Song of the King* performed Elvis style, *Those Canaan Days* delivered with French flair, and the Afro-Caribbean-inspired *Benjamin Calypso*.

The Playhouse production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is directed by Dirk Blackwelder and choreographed by Ricky Nahas, with music direction by Toni Stamos. The cast features Playhouse favorite, Shane Blanford, in the title role of Joseph, with Kelly DiLorenzo as the Narrator and Kevin Kelly as Potiphar. The cast includes a lively children's chorus plus a company of more than 20 performers of all ages, types and talents.

About Lake Worth Playhouse

Lake Worth Playhouse is a non-profit community theatre with a diverse array of offerings, including award-winning dramas, comedies, musicals, area premieres, Broadway favorites, children's shows, ballets and operas on film, live concerts, improv comedy and alternative programming. In addition to its main stage theatrical fare, the Playhouse presents year-round independent and foreign films in the Stonzek Theatre, an intimate black-box style theatre equipped with a large viewing screen and high-definition projection. The Playhouse is proud to offer a variety of educational programs for adults and children, as well as community outreach initiatives that bring cultural programs into the neighborhoods of underserved youth and also make theatre available free of charge for disadvantaged citizens in the community.

The 58th season of the Lake Worth Playhouse opens in October 2010 with **Guys & Dolls** (October 8-24), and is followed by **Steel Magnolias** (November 19 – December 5, 2010), **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** (January 21 – February 6, 2011), **Biloxi Blues** (March 4-20, 2011) and **Annie** (April 15 – May 1) Prior to launching the 2010-2011 season, the Playhouse will present a Summer 2010 musical, **Rent** (July 9-31), and a fall comedy, **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [Abridged]**, (September 2-11).

Schedule

Opening Night for **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** is Friday, April 16, 2010 at **8:00 PM**. Performances take place at **8:00 PM** on April 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and May 1; at **2:00 PM** on April 18, 24, 25 and May 1, 2; and at **7:00 PM** on April 25. The show ends its run on Sunday, May 2 at 2:00p.m.

The Playhouse Dinner & Show preview night is Thursday, April 15, 2010 and includes a pre-show dinner at Couco Pazzo Italian Restaurant in downtown Lake Worth prior to the 8:00 PM performance for a single \$50 ticket price.

Tickets

Individual show tickets are \$25 and \$29 and can be purchased through the Lake Worth Playhouse Box Office at **561-586-6410** or online at **lakeworthplayhouse.org**. Opening night VIP tickets are \$36 and include a pre-show reception catered by the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn's **TIDES GRILLE**. Dinner & Show tickets are \$50 and include a three-course meal at Couco Pazzo.

Location

Lake Worth Playhouse is located at 713 Lake Avenue in Downtown Lake Worth. It is situated on the south side of Lake Avenue two blocks east of Dixie Highway. Free, well-lighted parking is available on Lake Avenue and surrounding side streets, with free parking lots located behind the Playhouse.

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