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LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS THE CLASSIC MUSICAL, ANNIE

The Lake Worth Playhouse concludes its 58th season with a bang, harkening back to fond, childhood memories with the classic musical, **ANNIE**. The production features many Playhouse favorites together with a broad range of young and new talent from throughout South Florida. Performances run from April 15th through May 1st, 2011 – with a Preview Night performance on April 14th – on the stage of the Lake Worth Playhouse located at 713 Lake Avenue in downtown Lake Worth.

The Playhouse production of **ANNIE** is directed by Playhouse favorite, **Jami Dolan**. The expansive cast includes many Playhouse favorites and more than twenty children – young and up-in-coming talent not to be missed.

Synopsis:

Leapin' Lizards! The popular comic strip heroine takes center stage in one of the world's best-loved musicals about a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Delano

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That Tomorrow There'll Be Sun!*

April 15 - May 1
Tickets \$25 & \$29

Annie

Roosevelt and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

History:

ANNIE premiered on Broadway in April 21, 1977, ran for six years and 2, 377 performances, setting a record for the Alvin Theater (now the Neil Simon Theatre) when it closed on January 2, 1983. It was nominated for 11 Tony Awards and won 7 including *Best Musical*, *Best Score* and *Best Book*. It has been celebrated in many Broadway revivals, transformed into classic films and performed and reinterpreted countless times on the stages of many theaters.

Special Partnerships:

The Lake Worth Playhouse partnered with **Heart Gallery, Inc.** to highlight youth available for adoption in Palm Beach County. There will be images of children who need good homes posted in our lobby for patrons to view and contribute towards their care. For more information about the Heart Gallery, please visit www.hcpbc.org.

The Lake Worth Playhouse is featuring a dog from **South Florida Recycled Dog Rescue** as Annie's dog, Sandy. This dog will be featured in the performances and in the playbill as available for adoption. For more information about the South Florida Recycled Dog Rescue, please visit www.sflrecycleddogrescue.com.

With these two special partnerships, the Lake Worth Playhouse hopes to raise community awareness to the sad state of needy children and dogs in search of good homes.

Schedule

- **Preview Night** is Thursday, April 14 at 8:00 p.m.
- **Opening Night** is Friday, April 15 at 8:00 p.m.
- **Evening Performances** are on April 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30 at 8:00 p.m.
- **Matinee Performances** are on April 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and May 1 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Dinner & Show Night** is April 14 and includes a 6:00 p.m. pre-show dinner at Cuoco Pazzo Italian Restaurant in downtown Lake Worth prior to the 8:00 p.m. performance. The all-inclusive dinner/show package price is \$50 and includes a three-course meal plus premium seats for the preview performance.

Tickets

- **Individual** show tickets are \$25 and \$29 for opening night and all regular performances.
- **Preview Performance** tickets are \$22 and \$25.
- **Opening Night VIP** tickets are \$36 and include a pre-show reception.
- **Dinner & Show** tickets are \$50 and include a pre-show three-course dinner.

Tickets can be purchased through the Lake Worth Playhouse Box Office at **561-586-6410** or online at lakeworthplayhouse.org.

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 Lake Worth Playhouse has announced its 59th season to begin this July with Chicago – more information to come in the near future.