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**STAGES: THE PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY FOR KIDS PLEASED
TO ANNOUNCE THE 4th FULL SEASON OF BOLD ALL-KIDS
THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS!**

The 2010-2011 Season First Full Season to be Produced from STAGES' new
South Portland headquarters.

(South Portland, ME) Co-owners Stacey Koloski and Hollye Seddon announce today that the 4th full season of STAGES: The Performing Arts Academy for Kids (STAGES) will include nine professional-quality, fully staged public performances featuring all-student casts ages 10-18yrs.

STAGES' 4th Season includes the musicals *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Disney's Geppetto & Sons*, *Candide*, and *AIDA*. The 2010-2011 STAGES Shakespeare Academy will present William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. The rest of the season will be made up of three to-be-announced hit Broadway musicals as part of the 3rd STAGES Summer Student Repertory Theater Program. Says Seddon, "the fun of STAGES is challenging students with amazing and diverse shows, and casting them in roles that they would not be considered for elsewhere."

In addition to the mainstage season, STAGES will offer six beginner productions for kids ages 5-9, and regular weekly theater enrichment classes and vacation camps for students of all ages.

Performances will be held in theatrical venues (to be announced) located in the Greater Portland area. The 2010-2011 season will be the first full season rehearsed in STAGES' new location in the Hutchins School building located at 24 Mosher Street in South Portland.

STAGES relocated to the Hutchins School in January 2010, to focus on producing more theater opportunities for Southern Maine kids. "STAGES' commitment to process-based performing arts education has never been stronger," says Koloski. "Our move enables us to bring our nurturing, non-competitive approach from the classroom into the rehearsal environment. We are honored to be able to meet more of the demand for performance – and pre-performance – opportunities for kids of all ages, while still honoring our promise to keep programming kid-focused and fun."

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The Hutchins School has been the home of Mad Horse Theater Company since mid-2009. Koloski and Seddon are thrilled to share space with the 24-year old resident professional theater company, and to be within blocks of many other arts organizations including Lyric Music Theater and The Portland Players.

Students interested in being part of a STAGES production must register in advance to be in the cast. Registration fills quickly for most productions, and all registered students receive a meaningful part in the show. Call (207) 699-3330 or visit www.stagesacademy.com for more details.

ABOUT STAGES: Now in its third year, STAGES: The Performing Arts Academy for Kids provides movement, music and theater education to students of all ages in Southern Maine. STAGES currently reaches 500 kids, ages preschool through high school, each week as part of regular weekly classes, professional-quality theatrical productions, and an innovative “STAGES in the Schools” outreach program. Visit www.stagesacademy.com for more information, or call the STAGES Studio at (207) 699-3330.

For More Information about Mad Horse Theater Company: www.madhorse.com

For More Information about Lyric Music Theater: www.lyricmusictheater.org

For More Information about The Portland Players: www.portlandplayers.org

THE STAGES 2010-2011 SEASON

Venues To Be Announced

NOVEMBER 2010

Once Upon a Mattress

Music by Mary Rodgers, Lyrics by Marshall Barer,
Book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller, Marshall Barer
featuring STAGES Students ages 10-13 years

DECEMBER 2010

Sunday In The Park With George

Book by James Lapine, Music by Stephen Sondheim
Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
featuring STAGES Students ages 14+ years

MARCH 2011

Disney's Geppetto & Son

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz
Book by David Stern
featuring STAGES Students ages 10-13 years

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MARCH 2011

Candide

Book adapted from Voltaire by Hugh Wheeler

Music by Leonard Bernstein

Lyrics by Richard Wilbur

featuring STAGES Students ages 14+ years

MAY 2011

Much Ado About Nothing

By William Shakespeare

featuring the 2010-2011 STAGES Shakespeare Academy students

June 2011

Aida

Music by Elton John, Lyrics by Tim Rice

Book by Linda Woolverton and Robert Falls and David Henry Hwang

featuring STAGES Students ages 14+ years

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