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> Broadway Rose Theatre Teen Workshop to Present Big Fish, a Fantastic Tale of Magic and Adventure



Tigard, OR – Participants in the Broadway Rose Theatre teen workshop will produce *Big Fish*, an extraordinary musical and magical tale playing **August 17-19** at the Broadway Rose New Stage. *Big Fish* tells the fantastic tale of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman with an incredible imagination and an enormous thirst for adventure. Edward's larger-than-life personality and epic stories enchant everyone, except for his son, Will. As Will sets out to discover the truth of his father's identity, he relives the magic and mystery of Edward Bloom's past. Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton.

"I've been doing this camp, in one form or another, for the past 14 years and one thing has never changed: it is a yearly reminder of how and why I fell in love with theatre in the first place," says Director Isaac Lamb. "The miracles that are possible when you gather a motivated group of young people and expect great things out of them never cease to amaze."

The intensive 3-week training workshop is designed for young performers who are serious about pursuing musical theatre in high school, college, or professionally. The 40 participating

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students will focus on building real-world experience in a professional setting while staging a full scale musical.

Performances held at the **Broadway Rose New Stage** located at 12850 SW Grant Ave. in Tigard. **Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for ages 2-18 (children under two years of age sitting on caretakers' laps are free)** and can be purchased by calling the Broadway Rose box office at 503.620.5262 or online at <u>www.broadwayrose.org</u>. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. \$5 tickets are available for Oregon Trail Card holders through the Arts for All program.

Performance Dates:

Thursday, August 17, 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 17, 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 18, 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 18, 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 19, 2:00 p.m.

Book by John August and music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa. Based on the novel by Daniel Wallace and the Columbia Motion Picture written by John August. The Broadway Rose production will be directed by Isaac Lamb and choreographed by Megan Smith with music direction from Kent Wilson. Scenic design by Johnathan Billington, lighting design by Liz Carlson, costume design by Allie Schluchter-Cox, properties design by Kate Badon, sound design by Jesse Gardner, with Danny Walker as production manager, Mitchell Dummer as technical director, and Clara King as production stage manager.

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BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY is Oregon's premier musical theatre company. Under the artistic direction of Sharon Maroney, Broadway Rose has been producing professional musical theatre in the Portland area since 1992, enriching the region's cultural life and increasing opportunities for Oregonians to participate in the arts. Broadway Rose is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to keeping live theatre affordable and making its productions accessible to all members of the community.

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