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## FLORIDA STUDIO THEATRE KICKS OFF THE CHILDREN'S THEATRE SERIES WITH THE SWASHBUCKLING TALE OF *ROBIN HOOD*

(Sarasota, FL)— Beginning October 7, 2017, Florida Studio Theatre (FST) brings to the Keating stage the swashbuckling tale of *Robin Hood* by Greg Banks. Children and families will experience an original and engaging adventure into the world of Children's Theatre. For less than the cost of a movie, families can purchase a subscription to the entire series which includes a ticket to all four shows and the ability to exchange into the most convenient performance date for the whole family.

Subscriptions are on sale for ONLY \$20. This subscription includes the remaining shows of the season, *Deck the Halls: Tis' The Season*, *The Lion*, *The Witch*, and *The Wardrobe*, and *The Boy Who Liked Pulling Hair and Other Winning Plays*. All shows are performed on Saturdays. Single tickets are \$10. For more information on the full subscription packages please contact Box Office at 941-366-9000 or visit the Children's Theatre page online at [www.floridastudiotheatre.org](http://www.floridastudiotheatre.org). School groups may also book their students to attend a performance during the week as part of FST's WRITE A PLAY program. To book your school, please contact Hannah Bagnall at [hbagnall@floridastudiotheatre.org](mailto:hbagnall@floridastudiotheatre.org).

Wielding a bow and arrow, Robin and his band of merry men join forces to stand up for what's right. This rousing tale of good and evil is full of action, trickery, disguises, swordfights, and plenty of help from the audience. Through a full series of family shows, FST continues its mission to inspire children to open their minds and explore their imaginations.

Directing this timeless classic is FST Associate Artist, Jason Cannon. Cast in *Robin Hood* are FST Acting Apprentices, Jon DeVries, J Vance, Kihresha Redmond, Davion T. Brown, Michael Fraser, and Carey Blackburn.

Cannon delves further into the character of Robin Hood stating, "Robin Hood's gift is empowering everyone else to be their best selves. Even though Robin Hood is the title character, he isn't able to resist the evil of the Sheriff of Nottingham and Prince John on his own. He needs the brute strength of Little John; he needs the skillful swordplay of Maid Marian; he needs the passion of Much the Miller's son and the suspicion of Will Scarlett. It's surprising how often Robin is actually bested by other characters, but he acknowledges their strengths with such generosity they immediately become followers and allies."

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*Robin Hood* will play on weekdays to school groups in FST's WRITE A PLAY series and on weekends to the public as part of FST's Children's Theatre subscription series. Subscriptions are on sale for ONLY \$20. Single tickets are \$10. For more information on the full subscription packages please contact Box Office at 941-366-9000 or visit the Children's Theatre page online at [www.floridastudiotheatre.org](http://www.floridastudiotheatre.org). To book your school, please contact Hannah Bagnall at [hbagnall@floridastudiotheatre.org](mailto:hbagnall@floridastudiotheatre.org).

### ABOUT CHILDREN'S THEATRE

This season, Florida Studio Theatre is taking families on an original and engaging adventure into the world of Children's Theatre. From timeless heroes to a trip to Narnia, we hope you and your family will join us on this journey! Whether you have children ages 3 or 13, or even a wily grandparent who wants to join in on all the fun, FST Children's Theatre is a fun, magical, and memorable experience for all ages.

FST Children's Theatre is more than just a performance to sit and watch! Share and learn during pre-show activities. After the show, meet the cast and ask questions about what you saw and experienced. How did it make you feel? What did you see?

Our low ticket prices ensure that anyone can see a show at FST for less than the cost of seeing a movie--that's \$5 per show, per person! These plays are your plays. These plays are OUR Journey. These plays are YOUR Journey.

We hope you and your family will join us for what is sure to be an exciting theatrical journey filled with laughter, lessons, and love to last a lifetime!

### ABOUT FLORIDA STUDIO THEATRE

Known as Sarasota's Contemporary Theatre, Florida Studio Theatre was founded in 1973 by Artist Jon Spelman. Starting out as a small touring company, FST traveled to places such as migrant camps and prisons. The company then acquired the former Woman's Club building, becoming the first permanent venue. Shortly after Producing Artistic Director Richard Hopkins arrived, the building was purchased and renamed The Keating Theatre. In the years that followed, Florida Studio Theatre established itself as a major force in American Theatre, presenting contemporary theatre in its five theatre venues: the Keating Theatre, the Gompertz Theatre, the Parisian style Goldstein Cabaret, the John C. Court Cabaret, and Bowne's Lab Theatre.

Even with its growth, Florida Studio Theatre remains firmly committed to making the arts accessible and affordable to a broad-based audience. FST develops theatre that speaks to our living, evolving, and dynamically changing world. As FST grows and expands, it continues to provide audiences with challenging, contemporary drama and innovative programs.

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