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DISNEY-THEMED 2007-2008 SEASON CLOSES WITH
101 DALMATIANS KIDS

101 Kids Cast in Roles

SAN DIEGO – The award-winning J*Company Youth Theatre, a program of the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS, is pleased to announce its production of *DISNEY’S 101 DALMATIANS Kids*, a classic tale of puppy love and dog-napping. The production runs **May 8-18, 2008**, at the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. J*Company will partner with the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, which will provide a mobile pet adoption unit on site during the two performances on Sunday, May 11.

In *DISNEY’S 101 DALMATIANS*, the happy household of Dalmatians Pongo and Perdita and their “human pets,” Roger and Anita, is thrown into a state of chaos when their newborn puppies are stolen along with a quantity of other Dalmatians from the London area. The fashionable, fur-loving Cruella DeVil is the likely suspect in this scheme. With Pongo, Perdita and a resourceful group of animal allies hot on the trail of the missing puppies, Cruella, and her clumsy cohorts, the comedy chases along in high gear.

“Once again J*Company is making history by giving more talented young artists than ever before (namely 101) a chance to be a part of the arts. This will be the largest cast to grace a San Diego stage,” said J*Company Artistic Director Joey Landwehr. “And it’s not a case of casting everyone who auditioned, either. J*Company’s reputation for excellence has caused such interest that we had to turn large numbers of young people away.”

“This cast is really the cream of the crop of talented young puppies,” said Landwehr. “Come and experience this musical story in a way it has never been seen before.”

Landwehr is directing *DISNEY'S 101 DALMATIANS Kids*. He has worked extensively as an actor and director in New York City, both on and off Broadway, as well as in national tours and regional theatre. He has studied under such instructors as Betty Buckley, Marcel Marceau, Francis Sternhagen, F. Murray Abraham, Twyla Tharpe, and has had the privilege of working with great performers such as Phyllis Diller, Sam Harris, Joel Grey, Kaye Ballard, Michael Feinstein and Howard Keel. Landwehr is a member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG), the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA) and Actors' Equity Association (AEA). Landwehr was honored in 2006 by *San Diego Metropolitan Magazine* as one of the 40 San Diego residents under the age of 40 who are making significant contributions to the community. Landwehr most recently directed *Disney's The Jungle Book Kids* and Elton John & Tim Rice's *AIDA* for J*Company..

Landwehr feels that adding an educational component to every production is essential to enhance the young artists' learning experience. The 101-member cast of *DISNEY'S 101 DALMATIANS Kids* recently toured the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA facility and received information from the staff about pet care and adoption, as well as animal cruelty and its prevention.

Heading the cast are:

Cruella De Vil	Megan Phillips
Horace	Scott Peterson
Jasper	Elliot Rappaport
Roger	Jordan Friedman
Anita	Hannah Houts
Nanny	Mikayla Stern-Ellis
Pongo	Myles Collinson
Perdita	Michelle Guefen

Production dates and times:

Thursday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. (school show)
Saturday, May 10, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 11, 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. (school show)
Saturday, May 17, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 18, 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

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Tickets for *DISNEY'S 101 DALMATIANS Kids* are \$12.50 for children and \$16.50 for adults and are available online at www.lfjcc.org or by phone at **858-362-1348**. A complete listing of production dates and show times are online at www.lfjcc.org/jcompany.

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About the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture

The San Diego Center for Jewish Culture is the largest Jewish institution in San Diego dedicated solely to presenting high quality, nationally recognized programs which are unique to San Diego County. The mission of the SDCJC is to expand and enrich cultural life in San Diego by presenting the finest in Jewish artistic expression, encouraging the preservation of Jewish culture and heritage, and nurturing new creativity in the arts. A core belief of the SDCJC is to promote respect for diverse cultures and build community tolerance.

The SDCJC offers a wide variety of multi-disciplinary artistic programs that explore cultural identities and perspectives, promote cross cultural understanding, and highlight human themes of family, tolerance, compassion, and hope. These programs, including the San Diego Jewish Film Festival, the San Diego Jewish Book Fair, New Jewish Plays Project, the San Diego Jewish Music Festival, a Holocaust Education Program, and the J*Company Youth Theatre, foster ideas of cultural appreciation and respect. Its facilities feature a 500-seat theatre, a Judaica library, an art gallery, and a community Holocaust Memorial Garden. Approximately 40,000 tickets are sold or provided annually to residents, visitors, and students for San Diego Center for Jewish Culture events.

About the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS

The mission of the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS is to provide social, cultural, educational, and recreational programs to individuals and families of all ages, religions, races, and financial, physical and mental abilities. Likewise, the JCC provides equal opportunity employment to individuals of all religions and backgrounds. The JCC welcomes San Diego's diverse Jewish community and the community at large. The Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS is located at 4126 Executive Drive in La Jolla.



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