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**POCAHONTAS KICKS OFF**  
**2008-2009 “GREEN” SEASON**

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 *POCAHONTAS*, a charming musical adventure for all ages. The production runs **September 18-28, 2008**, at the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. This production also marks J\*Company’s first steps toward its “Going Green, Eco-Friendly Season.”

In *POCAHONTAS*, young Princess Pocahontas delights in playing with her animal friends and has also made friends with the English settlers of Jamestown, a community struggling with starvation and sickness. This enchanting, original musical is graced with a wonderfully imaginative and large cast of characters. It is also filled with Native American lore that stays true to the traditional legend.

“*POCAHONTAS* is the perfect show to kick off our first efforts to ‘go green,’” said J\*Company Artistic Director Joey Landwehr. “The beautiful story and the historical tradition behind it help us to recall the pristine and verdant environment the early settlers found in the New World.”

“We’re really working to educate the cast about their impact on the environment this season,” said Landwehr. “And to provide an example of putting that awareness into practice, we’re recycling, reusing, and reviving sets and costumes for all four season productions.”

Landwehr is directing *POCAHONTAS*. 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 101 Dalmatians 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. This production's "green" theme will focus on water conservation. The entire cast is working on achieving "20-Gallon Challenge" certificates from the San Diego County Water Authority. J\*Company is also issuing aluminum water bottles to cast members to cut down on the use of plastic water bottles.

Heading the cast of *POCAHONTAS* are:

Pocahontas	Kimberly Marron	13	Marshall Middle School
Chief Powhatan	Scott Peterson	13	
Aunt Morning Star	Maddie Houts	14	Canyon Crest Middle School
Brave Eagle	Cameron Chang	10	Del Mar Heights School
Happy-She-Walks	Hailey Mashburn	13	Correia Middle School
Little Running Rabbit	Morgan Hubers	13	Carmel Valley Middle School
Wordspinner 1	Lindsey Grant	13	Diegueno Middle School
Wordspinner 2	Devyn Krevat	12	Carmel Valley Middle School
Wordspinner 3	Erica Malachowski	13	Correia Middle School

### **Production dates and times:**

Thursday, September 18, 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, September 20, 8:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, September 21, 1:00 & 4:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, September 27, 8:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, September 28, 1:00 & 4:30 p.m.

Press photos are available by following this link: <http://bairdphoto.net/deliver/jco/pocahontas>

Tickets for *POCAHONTAS* are \$12.50 for children and \$16.50 for adults and are available online at [www.lfjcc.org](http://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](http://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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