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Arkansas Arts Center Children's Theatre Brings Tom Sawyer to the Stage

(LITTLE ROCK, AR) – One of the most loved books of all time, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* will be on stage at the Arkansas Arts Center Children's Theatre September 17 – October 3, 2010.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer chronicles the adventures of Mark Twain's mischievous young hero in a small town on the Mississippi River. This story will always be an American classic. Adapted for the stage by Timothy Mason, this play is narrated by the character of Mark Twain.

The cast for *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* includes: Dean Patterson as Tom; Elias Baer as Huck; Cole Ewing as Sid; Michael Peré as Joe Harper; Thomas Paladino as Ben Rogers; Owen Kyong-McClain as Billy Fisher; Hunter Wood as Bob Tanner; Kate Budney as Janie Miller; Sarah Nicholson as Becky Thatcher; Anna Tess Frost as Amy Lawrence; Augusta Fitzgerald as Susan Harper; Mattingly Bartole as Gracie Miller; Thomas Lewis as Will Hanley; Caitlin Ramsey as Sally Jones; Asia Suggs as Beth

Parsons; Park Lanford as Andy Tanner; Gillian Anderson as Mother Hopkins; Kelsie Craig as Sereny Harper; Stephanie Olson as Aunt Polly; Jim Short as Singer/Sheriff Thompkins; John Isner as Judge Thatcher; Jordy Neill as Mr. Dobbins/Doc Robinson; Jimi Brewi as Mark Twain/Defender/Reverend; Mark Hansen as Muff Potter; and Michael Nickerson as Injun Joe.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer is directed by Alan Keith Smith with production stage management by Sinovia Mayfield, costume design by Erin Larkin with assistance by Nikki Webster, technical direction by Jimi Brewi with assistance by Mark Hansen, properties design by Miranda Young and lighting design by Adam Britt. Gillian Anderson is the production assistant for this play.

Season tickets are on sale now and offer flexibility and savings over single ticket prices. Ticket packages start as low as \$32, providing great family theatre at an affordable price.

Performances are Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$11 for children. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 501-372-4000 or visit www.arkarts.com.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Production Run: September 17 – October 3, 2010

Performance Times: Fridays at 7:00 p.m.; Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.; Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$14 for adults, \$11 for children

Contact: 501-372-4000

Location: Arkansas Arts Center – 9th and Commerce, Little Rock, AR 72202

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