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ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS PETER PAN

The ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS will celebrate its 17th Annual Children's Theatre Performance on May 5-6, 2018 with the production of "PETER PAN", directed and produced by Luanna Luxton Armstrong. Armstrong's original adaptation of the classic tale brings the story to life.

The audience will be transported to Neverland, a place where dreams are born and things are never planned. Come to Neverland the Island of the lost boys led by Peter Pan and opposed by the wicked Captain Hook and his band of scurvy pirates.

The dancers, actors, dazzling costumes and props along with classical and top of the charts contemporary music and dance styles create a unique one of a kind theatre experience. The talented dancers of all ages performing ballet, pointe, lyrical, jazz, tap, hip hop, acrobatics and cabaret are woven into the fabric of the show and enrich the story.

Daniel Jenkins brings charm and tension to the role of PETER PAN, the eternal boy. CAPTAIN HOOK, Peter's nemesis, is portrayed by seasoned actor Aaron Jenkins. The three Darling children, Wendy, John and Michael - played by Sophie Swedene, Tristan Walcher and Joshua Jenkins bring reality to the magical Island. Rowan Maulden, shares with the audience the events of that fateful London night as NURSE NANA. Mikayla Steudle is a delight as the mischievous pixie TINKERBELL.

The issues raised in Peter Pan are more complicated and difficult than those of most traditional fairy tales. There is, of course, the battle between good and evil. But there is more. The question of what it means to grow up and the pain that accompanies the process is central to this story and sets it apart from others of the genre.

A portion of the weekend's proceeds will be donated to **United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula**. The Academy has been partnering with United Way since 2010 and has donated over \$4,400. Once again, the Academy is proud to acknowledge the enthusiasm and support of the whole community, and the many contributors not only to this presentation but to all past productions.

Tickets are available early through the Kewadin Box Office by calling 1-800-KEWADIN or 906-635-4917 and will be available the night of each performance at the door.



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PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

DATES: SATURDAY, MAY 5 AT 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 6 AT 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: DREAM MAKER'S THEATRE, KEWADIN

TICKETS: ADULTS \$15.00 CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$10.00

Additional performance information, and contact information for Ms. Luanna can be found at The Academy of Performing Arts website: <http://academyofperformingartssault.com/>

About United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula

United Way of the EUP serves Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties. It has been governed by a volunteer board of directors since its inception in 1956 - local volunteers oversee every aspect of the organization even today! The UWEUP Volunteer Center helps to facilitate corporate groups, local organizations and individual volunteers to create an impact in our Eastern Upper Peninsula communities by hosting various service projects and events. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, or would like more information about our programs, call 906.632.3700, email volunteer@unitedwayeup.org, or visit www.unitedwayeup.org.

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