

Adventure, Love Take Equal Turns in CSM's Performance of 'Abracadabra Aladdin'

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Children's Performance Plays Jan. 26 - 28, Feb 2-4

Travel across magical deserts where adventure and sparkling treasures fit for an Arabian queen await at the College of Southern Maryland's Children's Theater production of "Abracadabra Aladdin" at CSM's La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata. From left are Cheryl Thomas, Tessa Silvestro as Queen Sultana, Patrick Pruitt, Katie Hupp as the Genie of the Jewels, Gary Richardson, Christine Tersero as the Genie of the Ring, Nick Brightwell, Andy Whetzell, Amanda Lane as the Genie of the Lamp, and Aarron Lawson. Performances are Jan. 26, 27, Feb. 2 and 3 at 8 p.m., and Jan. 27, 28, Feb. 3 and 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for students/seniors, and \$15 for adults. For information or reservations, call the Box Office, 301-934-7828, 301-870-3008, Ext. 7828 (TDD 301-934-1188) or e-mail the bxoffice@csmd.edu or visit www.csmd.edu/finearts. The 2006-2007 CSM Children's Series is sponsored by the Charles County Arts Alliance and the Maryland State Arts Council.

Travel to the farthest reaches of old Arabia to a time of magical genies and song as the College of Southern Maryland's Children's Theater presents "Abracadabra Aladdin," Jan. 26-28 and Feb. 2-4.

What would you do if you found a magical lamp? Would you use it for good or would you try to control the world? Set in Arabia, "Abracadabra Aladdin" is the story of Aladdin, a young man of mischief who desires to marry the beautiful Princess Jasmine if only he can stop the evil Jammal from ruining his plans.

"Abracadabra Aladdin" was written by playwright Tim Kelly, who published more than 300 plays before his sudden death in 1998. With a musical score and lyrics by Pam Hughes, "Abracadabra Aladdin" is a joyous musical adventure filled with magical wonders for the whole family.

CSM's cast includes Alex DeLeon as Jammal, a greedy man who will do anything to get his hands on the magic lamp; Emily Davis as Halima, Jammal's evil sister; Carlton Silvestro as the fearless Aladdin; Catie Taylor as Princess Jasmine; Tessa Silvestro as her mother the Queen Sultana; and Andy Donahue as the powerful Sultan.

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The College of Southern Maryland is a regionally accredited community college that provides programs and services with a special focus on local workforce development to maintain and grow a healthy economy and community.

CSM is the 2006 recipient of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce Partner in Business Award. For eight of the past 10 years, CSM has remained one of the top three community colleges in Maryland for its four-year graduation and transfer rates among first-time, full-time entering freshmen classes. For i

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