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THE YOUNG COMPANY AT GBSC STAGES *XANADU* IN JUST 24 HOURS TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

OMIGOD YOU GUYS, we're doing it again! After last season's successful *24-Hour Musical: Legally Blonde*, The Young Company at Greater Boston Stage will embark on another epic (and speedy) journey to stage a musical in just 24 hours! Students and staff will work as a collaborative creative team to stage, costume, and tech an entire production that will be performed for the public at **3:00pm on Saturday, September 21, 2019**.

The clock will start counting down at 3pm on Friday, September 20th, on the quest to stage this year's hasty production: *Xanadu*! Based on the movie of the same title, *Xanadu* will roller skate directly into your heart with magic, Greek muses, forbidden romances, and endless legwarmers. The fun never stops in this hilarious story filled with an electrifying score of chart-topping hits including "Evil Woman," "I'm Alive," and "All Over the World."

This fundraising event puts the old saying, "The show must go on!" to the test! Will our cast and crew finish in time? How many people will play that Olivia Newton John character? Do legwarmers still look good? Only one way to find out!

Under the supervision of GBSC's Director of Education Tyler Rosati and Education Associate Ceit Zweil, a portion of all proceeds from the *24-Hour Musical* will go to Fund-A-Need, the scholarship program that supports Young Company students throughout the year by removing financial barriers to participation.

Fifty local Young Company actors will be featured in the *24-Hour Musical: Xanadu*: Becca Murphy (**Billerica**); Roza Biewald (**Cambridge**); Emma Spignese-Smolinsky (**Danvers**); Evan Bernstein (**Boston**); Taylor Zweil (**Framingham**); Maeve Pleuler (**Gloucester**); Kaveesh Pathak (**Lexington**); Elizabeth Daly (**Lynnfield**); Harry Bennett, Audrey Keating (**Malden**); Katerina Xanthopoulos (**Northwood, NH**); Anastasia Penta, Abby Weiner, Jack Durant, Abigail Gauch, Adelaide Hickey, Linus Latta Giuliana, Zachary Latta Giuliana, Phillip Murray, Lili Ravins, Chrysanthie Jumper (**Melrose**); Casey Vieira (**Reading**); Victoria Baker (**Revere**); Gianna Bonavita, JengAun Chou, Amanda Grose, Shelagh Liljander, Abigail Martin, Alexandra Murphy, Chloe Nasson, Sydney Vallone (**Stoneham**); Melydia McCall, Monica O'Brien, Jordan Raimo, Alana Zimon (**Wakefield**); Samar Johar (**Wilmington**); Maya Albanese, Salena Wang, Georgia Keeler, Hope Kingdon, Caroline Linskey, Riley Simpson, Rebecca Vernaglia (**Winchester**); Conor Long, Gretchen Magill (**Woburn**).

Single Tickets for *24-Hour Musical: Xanadu* are \$15. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Box Office at Greater Boston Stage Company at (781) 279-2200, or visit www.greaterbostonstage.org.

ABOUT GREATER BOSTON STAGE COMPANY:

We bring vibrant professional theatre and dramatic education beyond the boundaries of Boston, featuring world and regional premieres alongside fresh interpretations of familiar work. Within this setting, we uniquely foster the artists of tomorrow by providing ongoing performance and employment opportunities to our company of current and former students. Now in its 20th Season of live theatre in Stoneham, MA, Greater Boston Stage Company produces seven Mainstage shows, presents a series of Special Events, and runs year-round classes, lessons, and fully staged productions through The Young Company for students in grades 1–12.

ABOUT THE YOUNG COMPANY:

The Young Company at Greater Boston Stage Company helps the next generation become better artists, better audience members, and better people through dramatic education. Through artistic training and performance opportunities, The Young Company at Greater Boston Stage Company develops life skills such as confidence, self-discipline, and collaboration to inspire and prepare young actors for future creative engagement and success. Our process-oriented programming pushes students to the next level by working with exceptional Boston teaching artists and theatre professionals. Students are also provided with opportunities to work on Mainstage productions side-by-side with professionals. The Young Company lives by the idea that **GOOD THEATRE MAKES GOOD PEOPLE.**

Box Office: (781) 279-2200

Box Office Hours: Mondays – Fridays, 11am to 6pm; Saturdays, 1pm to 6pm

Location: 395 Main Street, Stoneham, MA 02180

Website: www.greaterbostonstage.org

Flagship Season Sponsors: StonehamBank and the Salem Five Charitable Foundation

SEASON 20 PRESS OPENINGS:

MARIE AND ROSETTA

Press Opening: Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 8pm

<https://www.greaterbostonstage.org/marieandrosetta.html>

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

Press Opening: Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 7pm

<https://www.greaterbostonstage.org/miracleon34thstreet.html>

THE MOORS

Press Opening: Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 8pm

<https://www.greaterbostonstage.org/moors.html>

ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Press Opening: Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 7pm

<https://www.greaterbostonstage.org/matilda.html>

MISS HOLMES RETURNS

Press Opening: June 6, 2020 at 8pm

<https://www.greaterbostonstage.org/missholmesreturns.html>