

Press Release

MARY POPPINS to Fly onto the North Stage

The Appleton North High School theatre and music departments will present the musical MARY POPPINS March 12-22 in the Orlyn A. Zieman auditorium, 5000 North Ballard Road.

Based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's MARY POPPINS delighted Broadway audiences for over 2,500 performances and received 44 major theatre awards from around the globe. The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family how to value each other again.

North's production features a cast, crew, and orchestra of more than 100 students as well breathtaking flying effects provided by ZFX Flying Illusions, spectacular dancing, elaborate scenery and special effects, stunning original costumes, and some of the most beloved and memorable songs ever written for a musical including "Spoonful of Sugar," "Let's Go Fly A Kite," "Chim Chim Cher-ee," "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," "Step in Time," "Feed The Birds" and "Jolly Holiday" as well as several new songs.

North theatre director, Ron Parker, states, "MARY POPPINS THE MUSICAL is a wonderful fusion of various elements from the classic Disney film and the beloved series of books by P.L. Travers. Our production contains a lot of original staging and several exciting surprises never seen before in any previous theatrical production. Among the magical moments in show is when Mary flies over the heads of the audience and Bert walks up the stage wall and dances upside

down on the ceiling—and that’s just for starters! MARY POPPINS is an enchanting, heartwarming show with an important message about love and cherishing what really matters that families in our area will definitely not want to miss!”

Performances are March 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21 at 7:00 P.M. and March 14, 15 and 21 and 22 at 12:30 P.M. Admission is \$15.00. March 12th and 19th feature family prices at \$12.00. Box office hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased on line by going to www.appletonnorththeatre.com . All seats are reserved. For ticket information, contact the North Theatre Office at 997-3994 or by e-mail northboxoffice@gmail.com .

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