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***The Alabama Shakespeare Festival Announces the
Return of Record Breaking Hit Peter Pan the Musical
Nov. 19-Dec. 24***

Broadway's Longest Running "Belle" Sarah Litzsinger in Title Role

Montgomery, AL -

The biggest selling show in the history of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, ***Peter Pan the Musical***, will return in all of its high flying glory as part of ASF's Silver Anniversary season, Nov. 19-Dec. 24. Producing Artistic Director **Geoffrey Sherman** will once again direct the spectacle. ***Peter Pan the Musical*** broke all box office records when it was produced at ASF in 2007.

Tickets start at \$30 and are available through the ASF box office, by visiting on line at www.asf.net or by calling **1.800.841.4273**. ASF is located at 1 Festival Drive in Montgomery's beautiful Blount Cultural Park.

In this classic musical, Peter Pan, Wendy, John, Michael, Tinkerbell and the Lost Boys take on the dreaded Captain Hook and his wicked crew in the enchanted world of Neverland. As good and bad guys do battle they sing and dance to some of the most memorable songs in musical theatre history including *I'm Flying*, *Pirate Song*, *I Won't Grow Up*, *I've Got to Crow* and many more. ***Peter Pan the Musical*** is based on the play by **James M. Barrie** and includes a score with lyrics by **Carolyn Leigh** and music by **Mark Charlap**. Additional music is provided by **Betty Comden**, **Adolf Green** and **Jules Styne**.

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Peter Pan the Musical will feature veteran **Sarah Litzsinger** in the title role and ASF favorite **Rodney Clark** returns as Captain Hook. Litzsinger has performed on Broadway and in national tours as Eva Peron in *Evita*, Eponine/Cosette in *Les Miserables* and has the distinction of being the longest running Belle in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* on Broadway. Clark most recently starred as Old Man in the ASF holiday hit *A Christmas Story* and as Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant in the world premiere and tour of *Bear Country*. Clark also performed the role of Captain Hook in ASF's 2007 production of *Peter Pan the Musical*.

Emily Kinney, who recently starred in the film *It's Complicated*, Broadway's *Spring Awakening* and the national tour of the Tony Award-winning play *August: Osage County* will perform as Wendy.

Montgomery area children in the production include **Greyson Hammock, Tyler Lewin, Breanna Newton, Savannah Rigby, Crispen South** and **Joseph Sims**.

Others in the cast include **Kevin Callaghan, Kevin Curtis, Lenny Daniel, Richard Gatta, Erik Gullberg, Tara L. Herwig, Tyler Jakes, Eleni Kanalos, Caitlin McGee, Anthony Napoletano, Adam Pelligrone, Seth D. Rabinowitz, Roy San Filippo, Lynna Schmidt, Billy Sharpe, Roger Preston Smith, Eric Shorey, Maria Totten, Corey Triplett, Brett Warnke** and **Kent Zimmerman**.

In addition to Sherman, the artistic team includes choreographer **Karen Azenberg** who has been a part of several other landmark shows at ASF including *West Side Story, Beehive* and *Cowgirls*. **Tom Griffin**, who served as musical director for the 2007 production of *Peter Pan the Musical* as well as the ASF holiday hit *A Christmas Carol the Musical*, will return for the Silver Anniversary production.

Also on the artistic team are **John Manfredi** (Fight Choreographer), **John Iacovelli** (Set), **Patrick Holt** (Costumes), **Paul Wonsek** (Lights) and **Richelle Thompson** (Sound). **Tanya Searle** will stage manage the musical.

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival is among the largest Shakespeare theatres in the world. Designated as The State Theatre of Alabama, ASF has been located in Montgomery since 1985 when it moved from Anniston as a result of Mr. and Mrs. Wynton M. Blount's gift of a performing arts complex set in the 250-acre Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park. This program/project has been made possible by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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