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**Greenwood Lake Theater Presents**

**INTO THE WOODS**

**Music and Lyrics by**

**STEPHEN SONDHEIM**

**Book by**

**LIONEL BART**

**Directed by Gitana Mims**

**Musical Direction by Kevin Milnes**

**Friday – Sundays**

**August 9-10, 2019 at 7:30 pm**

**August 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

**Thomas P. Morahan Waterfront Park**

**7 Windermere Ave., Greenwood Lake, NY**

**August 16-17, 2019 at 7:30 pm**

**August 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

**Warwick Valley Community Center**

**11 Hamilton Avenue, Warwick, NY**

**Tickets: $25 Adults, $15 Seniors, Children & Military**

(Greenwood Lake, NY)  Greenwood Lake Theater presents “Into The Woods”, Stephen Sondheim’s and James Lapine’s Tony award-winning musical on Friday-Saturday, August 9-10, 2019 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, August 11 at 6:00 pm at Thomas P. Morahan Waterfront Park, 7 Windermere Avenue, Greenwood Lake, NY (rain venue: Warwick Valley Community Center, 11 Hamilton Avenue, Warwick, NY). A second weekend of performances will be held Friday-Saturday August 16-17, 7:30 pm and Sunday, August 18, 6:00 pm at Warwick Valley Community Center, 11 Hamilton Avenue, Warwick, NY. Tickets are $25 for adults, $15 for seniors, children under 12, students, and the military, and are available online at www.greenwoodlaketheater.org. Gitana Mims directs this production, with musical direction by Kevin Milnes.

The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results.

“This play is a perfect example of Stephen Sondheim’s musical genius,” says Mary McKinley, Greenwood Lake Theater’s Co-Artistic director, “and James Lapine’s book continues the story of several fairy tales that shows there isn’t always a ‘happily ever after.’ In fact, the fates that await our favorites such as Cinderella and Jack are not what you’d expect. This play will definitely leave you with a different impression of the Grimm’s Fairy Tales you grew up with.”

“This production also features cast members from our Summer Intensive Theater School,” says Katherine Weatherford, Co-Artistic director of Greenwood Lake Theater. “Last year, when we presented “Oliver!” we encouraged local students to join our Summer Intensive theater training program. During this two-week session, we developed the talents of local students and offered them roles in our productions. They really took on the challenge with great enthusiasm and were absolutely terrific. This year, we’re offering the same opportunity again. We invite and encourage Grades 6-12 be a part of “Into The Woods” and join in the fun.”

Gitana Mims, who directs the production, has also served as music director for such shows as “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown”, “Chicago”, “Little Shop of Horrors”, “Kiss Me, Kate”, and “Godspell”. Miss Mims is a lifetime member of the Texas Music Educators Association and National Association of Teachers of Singing. She has also written contributing articles for the Southwestern Musician.  Currently you can find her in Saint Louis teaching various music classes and lessons as well as performing with a jazz ensemble on North Grand.

Ms. Weatherford will play the role of Cinderella, and Ms. McKinley (who is known theatrically as Mary Virginia) performs the role of The Witch. Rounding out the top-notch cast Nathanial Myles as the Narrator/Mysterious Man, Anthony Malchar as Jack, Frank Falisi as The Baker, Gitana Mims as the Baker’s Wife, Mike Walsh as The Stepmother/Rapunzel’s Prince, Tomo Watanabe as Little Red, Brady Walsh as The Wolf/Cinderella’s Prince and MaKenna DeMers as Rapunzel.

For those who wish to attend the outdoor performance at Thomas P. Morahan Park, attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, cushions and chairs for casual seating. No alcoholic beverages are permitted, although concessions are expected to be available. Please note that in case of inclement weather, the indoor venue will take place at the Warwick Community Center, 11 Hamilton Avenue, Warwick, NY. Updates will be posted on GWLT’s Facebook page.

This production is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) as well as all authorized performance materials.

For more information regarding tickets, complete list of cast members, production details and Summer Intensive program for students for “Into The Woods” or Greenwood Lake Theater, please visit [www.greenwoodlaketheater.org](http://www.greenwoodlaketheater.org/).

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