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The Ogunquit Playhouse Presents *Fairy Houses, The Musical* and Fairy House Tours all Weekend, July 10 & 11!

Nature, creativity, a love of whimsy and a passion for fairies take center stage in this fun-filled weekend! An **all new show** written exclusively for the Playhouse by Gina Connolly, based on the bestselling children's book, "Fairy Houses" by Portsmouth author Tracy Kane, the enchanting musical production *Fairy Houses, The Musical* is on stage July 10 and 11. The show reveals how nature inspires children's imaginations and captures their hearts; encouraging them to go outside to cherish and respect wildlife and their habitats...and to create their own fairy houses.

Fairy Houses, The Musical is held in collaboration with a special Fairy Houses weekend featuring Fairy House Village tours and other activities on the Playhouse grounds all weekend long. Visitors are encouraged to walk through the woods on the 27-acre campus, enjoy the many "Fairy Houses" built by local floral designers and artisans and to build their own Fairy Houses along the path. This year Fairy Houses weekend will also include a "Nature Mystery Walk" behind the Playhouse Colony with the White Pines, a Story Walk with York Park and Recreation, face painting and lots of other activities for all to enjoy!

The Fairy House Tours and Activities take place on Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The show will take place Saturday at 10AM and Noon and Sunday at 10AM.

Children and families will be able to attend the show, build a Fairy House, walk the woodland trail through the Fairy House Village, participate in the new and exciting "Nature Mystery Walk" and Story Walk, get their faces painted, meet Tracy Kane and have a book signed during this weekend full of special activities designed to enhance your appreciation for nature!

Show tickets are \$10, Fairy House Tour tickets are \$8, and combo tickets for the show and tour are \$16. Free parking is available throughout the weekend on the Playhouse grounds.

The Ogunquit Playhouse is *America's Foremost Summer Theatre* producing the best of *Broadway at the Beach* each season, now running twenty-one weeks from Memorial Day to Columbus Day Weekends! For a complete list of shows, times and ticket prices, including all of the Children's Theatre productions, visit us online at HYPERLINK "http://www.ogunquitplayhouse.org" www.ogunquitplayhouse.org. Tickets are available online, in-person through the box office or by calling 207-646-5511.

Please join us and build your own Fairy House – Here's how:

How to Build a Fairy House Onsite:

1. Fairy Houses are set in a location close to the ground – be sure yours looks so natural it is almost hidden.
2. **Use only natural materials.** Dry grasses, leaves, sticks, pebbles, shells, bark off a fallen tree, milkweed pods, acorns, berries, gourds, miniature pumpkins and pinecones are just a few examples of materials to choose. Some materials will be available, but participants are encouraged to bring their own or forage in the woods surrounding the Fairy House Village. **(No glue, nails, or other such materials will be provided)**
3. Be careful not to use or disturb any of nature's materials that are still living, especially flowers, ferns, mosses, and lichen, unless they are attached to a rock or piece of bark. Fairies do not like to disturb or destroy anything that is growing in nature.
4. The Fairy House should be for a “fairy” but, it can be any style of architecture, i.e. a motel with units, a castle, a shopping area, restaurant with tables and chairs, a beach cottage, or anything your imagination conjures up.

How to Build a Fairy House Prior to the Event:

1. If you are transporting your Fairy House to the Ogunquit Playhouse Campus you may use hot wax, twine, nails and plywood (or similar base) to transport, **BUT, it must appear natural therefore none of these materials should be seen.** Fairy Houses should be dropped off the day before the event, Friday, July 9th between 3 & 5PM. To make other arrangements for delivery contact Jean Benda or Pamela Sawyer.

You are welcome to put your name on a 3 x 5 or 4 x 6 card by your Fairy House.

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