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"America's Foremost Summer Theatre"

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**The Ogunquit Playhouse presents its 2008 Children's Theatre Season: *Willy Wonka, Jr., Fairy Houses: The Musical, Treasure Island, and Disney's Sleeping Beauty Kids***

A sensational lineup of children's theatre productions are set for the Ogunquit Playhouse stage. Our Saturday Children's Theatre series is produced entirely by our Junior Players Camp students showcasing their talents while entertaining thousands of their peers.

On Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> the Ogunquit Playhouse will present *Willy Wonka, Jr.*, the musical based on Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir. This show comes to life in this stage adaptation of "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory" which features songs from the classic family film "Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory." All of the timeless characters and songs (including "The Candy Man" and "Pure Imagination") are featured in this show that overflows with music, comedy, and heart. The score by Leslie Bricusse (*Jekyll and Hyde, Doctor Doolittle*) and Anthony Newley has been augmented to make room for a few new songs and has been neatly fitted into a script adapted under the auspices of the Roald Dahl Estate. It is sure to be a treat for the entire family.

Back by popular demand, the Playhouse will once again present *Fairy Houses: The Musical*, July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This show was written exclusively for the Ogunquit Playhouse and is based on the acclaimed series of books by Tracy Kane. It is held in collaboration with a special Fairy Houses weekend organized by Playhouse Theatre Guild, featuring Fairy House Village tours on the grounds all weekend long. Last year hundreds of people of all ages came to the Playhouse to walk through the woods on the 27-acre campus and enjoyed "Fairy Houses" built by local floral designers and artisans.

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> the Ogunquit Playhouse Junior Players will present *Treasure Island*. This show is based on the classic book by Robert Lewis Stevenson and follows the exploits of Jim Hawkins, who happens upon a map to find buried treasure. What ensues is an adventure of mishaps, mistakes, swordfights, chases and memorable characters.

The 2008 Children's Theatre Season concludes with Disney's *Sleeping Beauty Kids* on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's Princess Aurora's sixteenth birthday and Flora, Fauna and Merryweather must use their fairy magic to save her from the spell of the evil sorceress Maleficent. With original music and lyrics by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and adapted by Bryan Louiselle, everyone will want to sing and dance along to the classic "Once Upon a Dream" and fun new numbers like "Goon Conga" and "Let's Have Some Magic Now." This Disney classic will surely be a sensation for children of all ages.

All shows will take place Saturdays at 10AM and Noon. *Fairy Houses: The Musical* includes a Sunday performance at 11:00AM. All tickets are \$10. Fairy House Tours are \$8 and combo tickets for the show and tour are \$16.

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 show times and ticket prices, including the Children's Theatre shows, visit us online at [www.ogunquitplayhouse.org](http://www.ogunquitplayhouse.org). Tickets are available online or through the box office at 207-646-5511.

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