

press release

HONK! The Ugly Duckling Musical

music by George Stiles, book and lyrics by Anthony Drewe

directed by Stephen Alexander

“Someone’s gonna love you, warts and all!”

NORTHWEST CHILDRENS THEATER and SCHOOL

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Swim against the current with *HONK!*, a musical celebration of being different from Northwest Children’s Theater and School!

Branded from birth as odd, Ugly faces ridicule from everyone, even his own father. With a face that only his mother could love, this quirky quacker wanders into the perilous world in search of a friend. Through escapades and adventures with friendly fowl, boisterous bullfrogs and a famished feline, Ugly’s brave quest delivers him safely back to his family, and reveals true beauty in all its forms, especially within.

Hatched from Hans Christian Andersen’s timeless tale, this winning retelling is a 2000 Olivier winner for ‘Best New Musical’ as well as numerous regional awards.

Led by long-time NWCT guest director Stephen Alexander, *HONK!* features Portland favorites James Wesley Peppers and Kristi L. Foster, both of whom appeared in NWCT’s holiday extravaganza, *Disney’s Beauty and the Beast*.

They are joined by Portland’s most talented young actors: Tanner Kingston, Becca Schrader, Signe Larsen, Cara Gabrielson*, Lea Zawada**, Justin Moyer**, Steve Rathje**, and Claire Martin**, most of whom train through NWCT’s prestigious theater education program.

An award-winning production team brings this “duck tail” to life. Whimsical costumes by Ashely Wase depict the charming creatures, both wet and winged. A set by Roger Monroe, sound by Rodolfo Ortega, and lighting by Jeff Forbes round out the wild and watery world of *HONK!*

HONK! plays October 5-28 and is most enjoyed by ages 4 four and up. For tickets, call 503-222-4480 or visit www.nwcts.org.

Join us for NWCT Special Events: Family Date Night is Friday, October 12 and serves up delectable dishes by Elephant’s Catering. Grandparents’ Day is Saturday, October 6, with \$2 off tickets for grandparents. For more information on these or other special events, call the NWCT box office at 503-222-4480.

HONK! The Ugly Duckling Musical is sponsored by The Standard: Positively Different! The show is also supported in part by the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the Collins Foundation, the Regional Arts and Culture Council and K-103. Over 5,000 area school children will fly with Ugly and his friends at student matinees.

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#1 and 6

(foreground) Kristi L. Foster (Ida) and Connor Weil (Ugly); (background) Larry Taylor (Cat)

#9 and 10

Connor Weil (Ugly)

#12 and 19

(left to right) Connor Weil, Lea Zawada, Steve Rathje, Claire Martin, Justin Moyer (ducklings)

#21 and 24

Connor Weil (Ugly) and Kristi L. Foster (Ida)

#29

(back row) Connor Weil, Kristi L. Foster, Justin Moyer
(front) Claire Martin, Steve Rathje, Lea Zawada

#34 and 41

Connor Weil (Ugly) and Larry Taylor (Cat)

#45

(front row) Connor Weil and Larry Taylor
(2nd row) Lea Zawada and Steve Rathje
(back row) Justin Moyer and Claire Martin

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