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Siskiyou County to let its 'Freak Flag Fly' with Camp Broadway's Production of *Shrek The Musical Jr.*

Weed / COS – Nasty will be nice and Siskiyou County will be ogre-the-moon when Camp Broadway 2017 presents their production of *Shrek the Musical JR.* beginning August 4, it was announced today by Freddie Gershon, CEO of Music Theatre International (MTI). The family-friendly musical comedy follows the adventures of an ogre named Shrek who sets off on a quest to save a princess from a dragon. However, it turns out that in order to ultimately succeed, Shrek must battle an even bigger obstacle: learning how to believe in himself and open his heart to others.

“Shrek’s unique story of discovery encourages each of us to examine our prejudices, review what we believe to be our limitations and work to better understand ourselves and others. The actors and crew in this production have embarked on a similar journey, as students and teachers with many different interests have learned more about themselves and each other while collaborating towards the common goal of presenting this musical,” says Gershon.

Shrek the Musical JR. follows an ogre named Shrek who has learned the hard way that “people hate the things they cannot understand.” For many years he has protected himself from the hurtful actions of those who are scared of him by living as a recluse in a cozy cesspit. One day, his peaceful swamp is disturbed by new tenants: fairytale misfits — including Pinocchio, the Ugly Duckling, the

Wicked Witch, Peter Pan, the Three Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf — have been banished there by the villainous Lord Farquaad. In order to gain back his land, Shrek makes a deal with Farquaad to rescue the feisty princess Fiona from a tower guarded by a fierce dragon. Setting off with his faithful companion, Donkey, Shrek begins the journey of a lifetime filled with adventure, romance, and hilarity.

With music by Jeanine Tesori, book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire, *Shrek the Musical* is based on the Oscar®-winning DreamWorks Animation film and the book *Shrek* by William Steig. The original Broadway production, starring Brian d'Arcy James as Shrek and Sutton Foster as Fiona, ran for twelve months and received a total of twelve Drama Desk Awards and eight Tony Award nominations, including Best Musical. The musical was adapted to be performed by students by educational musical theatre consultancy firm iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald.

Camp Broadway in association with Mt. Shasta Children's Theatre will present *Shrek the Musical Jr.* on August 4, 5, and 6. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday's finale matinee will begin at 3 p.m. All shows will be held in the COS Weed Campus Kenneth W. Ford Theater (800 College Avenue in Weed). Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 students/seniors, or purchase a Family 4-Pack for \$35. Advance tickets may be purchased from the Weed Campus COS Bookstore (call 530/ 938-5236 to order by phone). Tickets will also be sold from the Theater Box Office each day of the show beginning one hour prior to curtain.

Shrek the Musical JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684 www.MTIShows.com.

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