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## **ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC ANNOUNCES THE THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES WORLD PREMIERE OF *BIG, THE MUSICAL***

*STARRING GREGORY MAHEU WITH BROADWAY'S KATE FISHER & FOUR-TIME HELEN HAYES NOMINEE*

*JANINE GULISANO*

*FEATURING WASHINGTON D.C. AREA YOUTH TALENT*

GLEN ECHO, MD – [Adventure Theatre MTC](#) (ATMTC) opens its [Professional 2012-2013 61<sup>st</sup> Season](#) with the world premiere of the Theatre for Young Audiences production of *Big, The Musical* based on the hit movie 'Big,' written by Gary Ross & Anne Spielberg, produced by [Twentieth Century Fox](#). Directed and adapted for Theatres for Young Audiences by [Michael J. Bobbitt](#) and also adapted by Jeff Frank of [First Stage](#), *Big, The Musical-TYA* stars Gregory Maheu (The Kennedy Center's *Ragtime* and Ford's *1776*) and Broadway's Kate Fisher with four-time Helen Hayes Award nominee Janine Gulisano in addition to D.C. area's best youth talent. This show is appropriate for ages 5+ and tickets can be purchased online at [www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org](http://www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org) or by calling 301.634.2270.

The 1987 hit movie bursts onstage in this vibrant, funny and touching musical. When frustrated adolescent Josh Baskin wishes he were 'big' and wakes up the next morning as a 30-year-old man, he discovers there's much more to being an adult than he bargained for- and learns we must all grow up at our own pace, in our own time. See this new version - complete with Zoltar and floor piano- that spotlights the touching friendship of Josh and Billy as they learn what it's really like to be 'big.'

Tickets are \$19 each, with group and field trip rates available, and can be purchased through the box office by calling 301-634-2270 or online at [www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org](http://www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org). Children under the age of 1 are free. **The press performance will be Sunday, September 23 at 2pm.** All performances will take place at Adventure Theatre MTC, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD, 20812 in the historic Glen Echo Park.

Michael J. Bobbitt, Producing Artistic Director at Adventure Theatre MTC says of the show, "After a long and extensive search, we found 5 of the most talented kids in the DC region and thrilled that the kids in the audience will get to see kids their age onstage. What a great way to inspire! This family-friendly production will be of a scale of quality that Adventure Theatre MTC fans have not seen before. From the technology used to the dancing, this will be a spectacular on the Adventure Theatre MTC stage for our young and youthful theater audiences alike- and I cannot wait to see our audiences' reaction."

### **ABOUT ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC**

Adventure Theatre (founded in 1951) and Musical Theater Center (founded in 1986) merged into one organization, [Adventure Theatre MTC](#), in 2012. Located in Glen Echo Park (Glen Echo, MD) and Wintergreen Plaza (Rockville, MD), ATMTC cultivates new generations of artists and audiences by creating memorable theatrical productions and by providing young people the highest quality musical theater training. ATMTC serves students at all skill levels and families from diverse communities, approximately 75,000 people annually.

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## **“BIG, THE MUSICAL-TYA” FACT SHEET**

**September 21 – October 28, 2012**

Based on the motion picture ‘Big,’ written by Gary Ross & Anne Spielberg; produced by Twentieth Century Fox  
TYA Adaptation by Jeff Frank, First Stage & Michael J. Bobbitt, Adventure Theatre MTC

Book by John Weidman

Music by David Shire

Lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr.

Directed by Michael J. Bobbitt

Ages 5 and up

### **CAST**

Josh .....	Greg Maheu
Susan .....	Janine Sunday
Ms. Watson .....	Ayanna Hardy
Mrs. Baskin .....	Kate Fisher
Paul .....	Calvin McCullough
Mr. MacMillan, Zoltar .....	Larry Munsey
Billy .....	Brendan DeBonis
Young Josh .....	Marley McKay
Cynthia, Ensemble .....	Talia Brenner
Ensemble .....	Maya Brettell
Ensemble .....	Emma Sophie Moore

### **PRODUCTION CREW**

Director/Choreographer .....	Michael J. Bobbitt
Assistant Director .....	Danny Tippett
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Director .....	Michael Litchfield
Music Director .....	Darius Smith
Orchestrations .....	Wayne Chadwick
Assistant Choreographer .....	Erica Hamilton Hilburger
Set Designer .....	Elizabeth McFadden
Costume Designer .....	Kendra Rai
Properties Designer .....	Andrea “Dre” Moore
Lighting Designer .....	Andrew Griffin
Sound Designer .....	Chris Baine
Stage Manager .....	Elliot Lanes
Asst. Stage Manager/Production Associate .....	Julie Roedersheimer
Scenic Artist .....	Sasha Goldstein
Master Electrician .....	Sarah MacKowski
Young Company Coordinator/Stage Management Intern .....	Madeleine Evans

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Production Run Dates – September 21 – October 28, 2012**

**Pajama Party**– Friday, September 21 at 2pm

**Press Opening** – Sunday, September 23 at 2pm

**Sensory/Autism Friendly Performance**- Saturday, October 21 at 2pm

**American Sign Language Performance** – Saturday, September 29 at 2pm

### **Sundays**

September 23..... 11am & 2pm

September 30..... 11am & 2pm

October 7, 14, 21, 28 ..... 11am & 2pm

**Tuesdays**

September 25..... 10:30am

October 2, 9, 16, 23 ..... 10:30am

**Wednesdays**

September 26..... 7pm

October 3, 10, 17, 24 ..... 7pm

**Thursdays**

September 27..... 10:30am, 7pm

October 4, 11, 18, 25 ..... 10:30am, 7pm

**Fridays**

September 21, 28..... 7pm

October 5, 12, 19, 26 ..... 7pm

**Saturdays**

September 22..... 11am & 2pm

September 29..... 11am, 2pm & 4:30pm

October 6, 13, 20, 27 ..... 11am, 2pm & 4:30pm

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