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## ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC CELEBRATES MARDI GRAS WITH PETITE ROUGE: A CAJUN RED RIDING HOOD

GLEN ECHO, MD – Adventure Theatre MTC brings the sights and sounds of Louisiana to Glen Echo Park with its upcoming production *Petite Rouge, A Cajun Red Riding Hood* from January 30 through March 8. This family-friendly, Zydeco-driven musical was adapted from the book by Mike Artell and Jim Harris by D.C. native Joan Cushing. *Petite Rouge* is directed and choreographed by ATMTC Producing Artistic Director Michael J. Bobbitt with musical direction by Darius Smith.

Based on the classic fairy tale, a red-hooded duckling named Petite Rouge and her sidekick cat lead the Big Bad Gator on a wild "duck" chase through New Orleans and Mardi Gras. Will they make it to Grandmere's house with a basket full of Cajun goodies?

"Mike Artell started the 'good times rollin' by setting Little Red Riding Hood in the Bayou, but Joan Cushing's adaptation has infused it with so much of New Orleans' culture, it'll feel like Mardi Gras in the theater!," says Director Michael J. Bobbitt.

The title role will be played by Brittany Williams. Ms. Williams was last seen on the ATMTC stage as Nansi in *Bob Marley's Three Little Birds* in 2013, for which she received a Helen Hayes Award nomination for Best Supporting Actress in a Musical. Both Ms. Williams and *Bob Marley's Three Little Birds* went on to perform at the New Victory Theater on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in New York City, New York.

#### ABOUT ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC

Adventure Theatre MTC (ATMTC) is an award-winning children's theater and training academy. With locations in both Glen Echo Park and Rockville, Md., ATMTC serves over 100,000 children and adults each year with theatrical productions and the highest quality musical theater training, which help develop the next generation of artists and life-long theater patrons.

In 2012, Adventure Theatre (founded in 1951) and Musical Theater Center (founded in 1986) merged to become Adventure Theatre MTC. Led by Producing Artistic Director Michael J. Bobbitt and Managing Director Janet Butler Berry, ATMTC is a leader in exciting stage adaptations of children's stories, premiering new plays for young audiences, exemplary training in musical theater training.

# Petite Rouge, A Cajun Red Riding Hood Fact Sheet January 30 – March 8, 2015

Adapted from the book by Mike Artell with illustrations by Jim Harris Book, music & lyrics by Joan Cushing Directed and Choreographed by Michael J. Bobbitt Assistant Director Nickolas Vaughan Recommended for All Ages

Download current graphics and images for this production (additional images will be added at a later date):

 $\underline{https://www.dropbox.com/sh/toxunfe3v22prea/AACO3by84yNS0ntgBNpN4aALa?dl=0}$ 

**Running Time**: 1 hour with no intermission

CAST Petite Rouge TeJean Claude Turtle Frog and Claude U/S Crayfish Petite U/S TeJean U/S and Frog U/S Turtle U/S and Crayfish U/S	Jimmy Mavrikes Greg Twomey Karen Vincent Wendell Jordan Dayna Quincy Sakile Lyles Derek Tatum
PRODUCTION CREW  Director and Choreographer  Music Director  Assistant Director  Assistant Choreographer  Scenic Designer  Lighting Designer  Costume Designer  Sound Designer  Props Designer  Dialect Coach  Stage Manager  Assistant Stage Manager  Scenic Charge  Master Electrician	Darius Smith  Nickolas Vaughan  Kelsea Edgerly  Court Watson  Jason Arnold  Kendra Rai  Neil McFadden  Dre Moore  Mary Coy  Madeleine Evans  Brittany Truske  Karen Deans
IMPORTANT DATES Production Run Dates: January 30 – March 8, 2015 Pajama Party: Friday, Jan. 30, 2015 at 7 p.m. Press Opening: Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015 at 2 p.m. American Sign Language Performance: Saturday, Jan. 14 at 2 p.m. Sensory/Autism Friendly Performance: Saturday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.	
Saturdays         Jan. 31         Feb, 7, 14, 21, 28         March 7	11 a.m., 2 & 4:30 p.m.
Sundays         Feb, 1         Feb. 8, 15, 22         March 1, 8	11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

<sup>\*</sup>Press Performance

<u>Tuesdays</u>	
Feb. 3, 10, 24	10:30 a.m.
March 3	10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays	
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25	10:30 a.m.
March 4	10:30 a.m.
<u>Thursdays</u>	
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26	10:30 a.m.
March 5	10:30 a.m.
<u>Fridays</u>	
lan 30	7 p.m.
Feb. 5, 13, 20, 27	10:30 a.m.
Feb. 5, 13, 20, 27	10:30 a.m.