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ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC ACADEMY ANNOUNCES ITS 2012-2013 STUDENT SEASON

5 WORKS WILL BE PERFORMED BY ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC STUDENTS GRADES 3-12

GLEN ECHO, MD – [Adventure Theatre MTC](#) (ATMTC) Academy is proud to announce its [2012-2013 student season](#). This year Adventure Theatre MTC's Academy brings to the stage five productions that showcase developing student artists in a memorable musical theater experience. The [ATMTC Academy](#) provides young people the highest quality creative drama and musical theater training, including classes, student productions, ensembles, camps, and workshops. Participation in the ATMTC Academy Student Season is by audition only unless otherwise noted and information will be available on the [ATMTC student audition page](#). Tickets for student productions are \$15-20 each and performances will be held at the [Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington](#), 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852, unless otherwise noted.

The student season kick starts with the newly released junior version of the classic **DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID open to students in Grades 6 through 12** with music by Alan Menken and directed by Jessica Jung. The deep ocean fun continues with **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND open to students in Grades 2 through 5** based on *My Love, My Love* by Rosa Guy and directed by Debbi Arseneaux. Adventure Theatre MTC Ensemble performance troupe presents its **SPOTLIGHT 2013 - A MUSICAL REVIEW** featuring classic and contemporary Broadway musical numbers directed by Lisa Carrier-Baker. The season welcomes the summer weather with **DISNEY'S CAMP ROCK: THE MUSICAL open to students in Grades 6 through 8 open to all students who meet the prerequisite requirements**. and directed by Debbi Arseneaux. Finally, the ATMTC Academy completes its student season with the school edition of **AVENUE Q, open to all students who meet the prerequisite requirements**.

2012-2013 STUDENT SEASON

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.

January 25, 2013 - February 3, 2013

Lyrics by [Howard Ashman](#) and [Glenn Slater](#)

Music by [Alan Menken](#)

Book by [Doug Wright](#)

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen Story and the Disney Film
Directed by Jessica Jung
Featuring ATMTC Academy Students in Grades 6 – 12
All Ages

In a magical kingdom fathoms below, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch Ursula, and convince Prince Eric that she's the girl with the enchanting voice.

ONCE ON THIS ISLAND JR.

March 16 - 17, 2013

Book by [Lynn Ahrens](#)

Lyrics by [Lynn Ahrens](#)

Music by [Stephen Flaherty](#)

Based on *My Love, My Love* by Rosa Guy

Directed by Debbi Arseneaux

Featuring ATMTC Academy Students in Grades 2-5

Ages 4 and up

NOTE: Performances are at Glen Echo Park. No audition necessary, but registration required and tickets are \$15.

Caribbean peasant girl, Ti Moune, rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. When Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest to test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and death in this stylized, fun musical based on *The Little Mermaid*.

SPOTLIGHT 2013 – A MUSICAL REVUE

March 22 - 24, 2013

High kicks, top hats, flaps and glitz. This fantastic revue of classic and contemporary Broadway showstoppers, featuring the singing and dancing of the enormously talented ATMTC Student Ensembles - *Singular Sensations*, *Upbeat Unlimited*, and *Opening Act*. Broadway's rising stars are in the Spotlight!

Directed by Lisa Carrier-Baker

All Ages

Note: Participation in Spotlight is only available to Ensemble members. To find out more info on ensembles, please visit [Adventure Theatre MTC's Ensemble Page](#).

DISNEY'S CAMP ROCK: THE MUSICAL

June 7 - 9, 2013

Book by [Robert L. Freedman](#) and [Faye Greenberg](#)

Songs by [Adam Watts](#) and [Andy Dodd](#) and [Kara DioGuardi](#) and [Mitch Allen](#) and [Matthew Gerrard](#) and [Robbie Nevil](#) and [Dapo Torimiro](#) and [Lyrica Anderson](#) and [Antonina Armato](#) and [Tim James](#) and [Thomas Sturges](#) and [Toby Gad](#) and [Kovasciar Myvette](#) and [Aaron Dudley](#) and [Steve Rushton](#) and [Jamie Houston](#) and [Adam Anders](#) and [Nikki Hassman](#) and [Peer Astrom](#)

Music Adapted, Arranged, Orchestrated and Produced by [David Lawrence](#)

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie written by Dan Berendsen, Karin Gist and Regina Hicks and on characters created by Karin Gist, Regina Hicks, Julie Brown and Paul Brown

Directed by Debbi Arseneaux

Featuring ATMTC Academy Students in Grades 6-8

Ages 4 and up

Note: Participation in Camp Rock is by audition only.

Prerequisites: Students must have one (1) semester of training in dance, acting, and, vocal technique or private voice. Training from other institutions will be considered at the discretion of ATMTC Staff.

Students who excel in certain techniques may exempt from prerequisites. Casting preference will be given to student enrolled in ATMTC Academy courses.

This summer, camp was supposed to be all about the music and having the time of their lives. But the new, flashy Camp Star across the lake now threatens Camp Rock's very existence. To keep the doors open, Mitchie steps up, rallies her fellow Camp Rockers, and gets them into top shape for the ultimate showdown! Disney's CAMP ROCK: The Musical, based on the hit Disney Channel Original Movies *Camp Rock* and *Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam*, will fire up your stage with over a dozen songs, including "This Is Me," "Can't Back Down," "It's On," and "We Rock."

AVENUE Q School Edition

June 14-16, 2013

Music and Lyrics by [Robert Lopez](#) and [Jeff Marx](#)

Book by [Jeff Whitty](#)

Based on an original concept by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx

Directed by Danny Tippett

Note: Participation in Avenue Q is by audition only.

Prerequisites: Students must have two (2) semesters of training in dance and vocal technique or private voice and one (1) semester of acting. Training from other institutions will be considered at the discretion of ATMTC Staff. Students who excel in certain techniques may exempt from prerequisites. Casting preference will be given to student enrolled in ATMTC Academy courses.

Winner of the Tony "Triple Crown" for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, [Avenue Q](#) is part flesh, part felt and packed with heart. **Avenue Q School Edition** is a laugh-out-loud musical that tells the timeless story of a recent college grad named Princeton who moves into a shabby New York apartment all the way out on Avenue Q. He soon discovers that although the residents seem nice, it's clear that this is not your ordinary neighborhood. Together, Princeton and his new-found friends struggle to find jobs, dates, and their ever-elusive purpose in life.

ABOUT STUDENT PRODUCTIONS

ATMTC offers young people the experience of performing in fully produced student productions, ensemble showcases and recitals. These intensive performance and training opportunities are for motivated and talented musical theater students. Student Productions of the ATMTC Academy complement the [Common Core State Standards in English-language arts and mathematics for grades K-](#)

[12](#), providing a challenging outlet for students to develop the skills necessary to be successful, professional performers - including self-discipline, teamwork, problem solving, and self-confidence.

ABOUT ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC

Adventure Theatre (founded in 1951) and Musical Theater Center (founded in 1986) merged into one organization in 2012. The combined entity, known as Adventure Theatre MTC, seeks to *cultivate new generations of artists and audiences by creating memorable theatrical productions and by providing young people the highest quality musical theater training*. Adventure Theatre MTC offers a wide variety of activities including live performances of classic and contemporary classic children's stories, theater classes and camps (which complement in-school learning), workshops, birthday parties, and community engagement projects. The ATMTC Academy offerings complement the [Maryland Voluntary Curriculum](#) and National Standards, providing a challenging outlet for students to develop the skills necessary to be successful performers - including self-discipline, teamwork, problem solving, and self-confidence.

Adventure Theatre MTC reaches approximately 75,000 people annually from Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and beyond. ATMTC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported in part through the generous support of the [Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County](#), the [Maryland State Arts Council](#) and the [National Endowment for the Arts](#).

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