

Matchbox Children's Theatre Presents HENRY & RAMONA

Matchbox Children's Theatre has a wonderful cast for HENRY & RAMONA. The title characters are Henry Huggins played by Gabe Benedict and Ramona Quimby by Alix Kermes. Merissa Kittleson plays her older sister Beezus. As an interesting note, Alix and Merissa got such enthusiastic response to the Ramona and Beezus characters they created when MCT presented RAMONA QUIMBY two years ago, that they were invited back to recreate their characters for this script.

There are many more delightful characters in this play. Newspaper boy Scooter McCarthy is played by David Albino and the other newspaper carriers are; Maxie by Alex Rausch, Shawn by Samone Read and Joe by Eli Riley. Dylan Diekmann portrays Henry's faithful dog Ribsby. Leland Bissinger plays Henry's father Mr. Huggins, with Angela Donovan as his mother, Mrs. Huggins. Henry's friend Robert is Ian Bissinger and Michael King takes on the role of Byron Murphy, "the new kid". Johnna Kermes is newspaper District Manager Mrs. Capper and Halla Nelson plays her daughter, Judy. Other members of the versatile cast who make up the neighborhood on Klickitat Street are Lauren Krusemark as Mary Jane, Jasmine Hultgren as

Lisa, Phillip Riley as Roger and Olivia Phanchan as the eccentric Bessie Peabody. The voice of Sheriff Bud is Tristan Bissinger and the Voice of the TV Announcer is Tim Elbertson, Meteorologist from 6 News First.

Matchbox Production Crew Creates Theatre Magic

HENRY & RAMONA is the second production of MCT's 31st season. Janet Anderson is the Director, working with Assistant Director, Angela Donovan. Talented Set Designer, Paul Burger is in charge of designing and building the set to fit the theme of setting the play in the 1950's era. HENRY & RAMONA is based on the popular children's books by Beverly Cleary. The original stories were written in the 1950's and MCT decided it was the ideal setting for this play. There have been interesting challenges in staying as true as possible to the time period with set, costumes and props. Ariel Phan, Devin Riley, Morgan Kittleson and members of the cast assisted in the building of the set. Angela Donovan served as the Costume Coordinator as well as being the Assistant Director and playing the role of Mrs. Huggins. Johnna Kermes also took on multiple roles by portraying Mrs. Capper, creating the costume for Ribsby along with helping with other costumes and props. Milly Burroughs and Susan Palmer also

worked on the costume crew. Lauren Krusemark is the Stage Manager. Scott Anderson shared his expertise with the Light and Sound Design plus working on set construction and props. Tristan Bissinger is the Sound and Light Operator for all performances. Kelly Kittleson is the choreographer. The props were gathered and coordinated by Samantha Johnson and McKenzie Anderson with the help of Angela Donovan, Sean Donovan, Janet Anderson and the cast.

Well-Deserved Thanks!

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