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Romeo, Juliet, Beauty, Beast & Charlie Brown at Cinnabar

FEBRUARY 9, 2015 – Cinnabar Theater, the beloved professional theater in Sonoma County, has announced exciting and enriching activities for local youth. From summer camps with *Beauty and the Beast* to discounted professional performances of *Arcadia* and *Falstaff* to youth productions of *Romeo & Juliet* and *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, there are abundant opportunities for kids to enjoy the arts.

"Local parents can count on Cinnabar to provide positive and productive activities for their children," said Artistic Director Elly Lichenstein. "In our classes, summer camps, and shows, kids learn valuable skills that are essential to success in today's society, such as creativity, collaboration, communication, and leadership. And they also have tons of fun!"

In the months to come, Cinnabar's Young Rep offers the following programs:

February 28 – March 1: Be Funny or Die!

James Pelican, an accomplished performer seen at Cinnabar in *Born Yesterday* and *La Cage aux Folles*, leads the first in a new series of two-day workshops taught by master teachers. Learn how to tell a story through the language of the body by exploring basic concepts of clowning. Be prepared to run, skip, cry, laugh, and walk on a razor's edge. Tuition is \$75, with a \$15 discount for students who participated in Cinnabar's *Wizard of Oz* or *Romeo & Juliet*.

March 13-15: Romeo & Juliet

Cinnabar's talented teens tackle this legendary love story in a production featuring 23 youth from Petaluma, Santa Rosa, and Penngrove. Don't miss their daring new look at Shakespeare's masterpiece. *Romeo & Juliet* runs from March 13 through March 15. Tickets are \$15 for adults or \$10 for ages 21 and under.

April 3 & June 12: Friday Night Live

Make friends, eat pizza, talk to the artists, and see a show... for only nine bucks! Thanks to the Community Foundation Sonoma County, middle-school and high-school students can enjoy live performances for the same price as a movie. Sign up to see Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia* on April 3 or Verdi's *Falstaff* on June 12.

May 15 – 24: You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

The characters created by Sonoma County's favorite cartoonist come to life in this Broadway musical. Watch Cinnabar's youngsters portray Snoopy, Woodstock, Lucy, Linus, and the entire *Peanuts* gang! *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* opens May 15 and runs through May 24. Tickets are \$15 for adults or \$10 for ages 21 and under. This production is generously underwritten by Madeleine and Scott Ashe in honor of Young Rep alumna Erin Yvette Ashe.

July: Summer camps with Beauty and the Beast

Be our guest! Spend the summer rehearsing and performing Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. This fantastic musical offers fun opportunities for young performers. Everyone who enrolls is guaranteed a part in the show; no experience necessary. The camp for ages 6 to 11 takes place from July 6 through August 2. The camp for ages 12 and up takes place from July 13 through August 9. Cinnabar's summer camps are generously underwritten by Rob Sullivan Real Estate.

Every year, **Cinnabar Theater** produces a thrilling mix of plays, musicals, operas, and concerts in a remarkable range of genres. Cinnabar's Young Rep offers extensive activities for local youth, and the Cinnabar Singers welcome anyone who wants to be part of a chorus. All these events

take place in the iconic red schoolhouse perched atop a grassy hill on the outskirts of Petaluma. This intimate venue is the perfect place for young people to discover the thrill of theater and to immerse themselves in the original 3-D, high-definition style of storytelling.

Cinnabar Theater is located at 3333 Petaluma Boulevard North, just off Highway 101 and only minutes from historic downtown Petaluma. There's ample parking up on the hill... and a friendly herd of goats grazing in the neighboring field. For more information, or to purchase tickets, **call 707-763-8920 or visit cinnabartheater.org**.

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Photo caption:

(l to r) Gracie McNally plays Juliet and Ethan Paisley portrays Romeo when Cinnabar's Young Rep takes a fresh look at Shakespeare's legendary story of teenagers in love. (Photo by Tyler Chartier)

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CALENDAR EDITORS:

WHO: Children aged 12-18
WHAT: **Be Funny or Die!**
A master class in clowning with respected actor James Pelican
WHERE: Cinnabar Theater, 3333 Petaluma Blvd North, Petaluma, CA 94952
WHEN: **February 28 – March 1**, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
HOW MUCH: \$75 (\$15 discount for kids who performed in *Wizard of Oz* or *Romeo & Juliet*)
CONTACT: 707-763-8920 or www.cinnabartheater.org

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WHO: Starring 23 teens from Petaluma, Santa Rosa, and Penngrove
WHAT: **Romeo & Juliet**, Cinnabar's Young Rep performs Shakespeare's masterpiece
WHERE: Cinnabar Theater, 3333 Petaluma Blvd North, Petaluma, CA 94952
WHEN: **March 13 – 15**
(Friday at 7:30 PM, Saturday at 2:00 and 7:30 PM, Sunday at 2:00 PM)
HOW MUCH: \$10 for ages 21 and under / \$15 for adults
CONTACT: 707-763-8920 or www.cinnabartheater.org

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WHO: Local middle-school and high-school students
WHAT: **Friday Night Live** – Make friends, eat pizza, meet the artists, and see a show for the same price as a movie!
WHERE: Cinnabar Theater, 3333 Petaluma Blvd North, Petaluma, CA 94952
WHEN: **April 3** at 6:30 PM for Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*
June 12 at 6:30 PM for Verdi's *Falstaff*
HOW MUCH: Only \$9
CONTACT: 707-763-8920 or www.cinnabartheater.org

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WHO: Starring local kids aged 12-18
WHAT: ***You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown***
WHERE: Cinnabar Theater, 3333 Petaluma Blvd North, Petaluma, CA 94952
WHEN: **May 15 – 24**
(Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 PM, Sundays at 2:00 PM)
HOW MUCH: \$10 for ages 21 and under / \$15 for adults
CONTACT: 707-763-8920 or www.cinnabartheater.org

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WHO: Children ages 6 - 18
WHAT: ***Beauty and the Beast***, musical theater summer camp
WHERE: Cinnabar Theater, 3333 Petaluma Blvd North, Petaluma, CA 94952
WHEN: **July 6 – August 2** (for ages 6 - 11)
July 13 – August 9 (for ages 12 - 18)
HOW MUCH: \$600; no one turned away for lack of funds
CONTACT: 707-763-8920 or www.cinnabartheater.org

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