



ROGERS CITY COMMUNITY THEATRE

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Spotlight

Disney's Aladdin Jr. on stage August 27-30



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Hop on your magic carpet and fly on over to the Rogers City summer youth theater performance of *Disney's Aladdin Jr.*, running from Thursday, August 27 through Sunday, August 30.

Through the miracle of paper mache and lots of volunteer elbow grease, the Genie's Cave of Wonders has been reproduced on the Rogers Theater stage. Award winning songs such as "A Whole New World," and "A Friend Like Me" make this a memorable musical experience for cast and audience alike.

Music Theater International, the production distributor, has designed the



Broadway Junior series in a format that simplifies production and performance aspects of the musical to make it accessible for young performers, while losing none of the flavor and enjoyment of the film and Broadway originals.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for Seniors and \$6 for students. See order form on page 3, or purchase at the door.

Four performances

Opening Night:

Thursday, Aug. 27, 7:30 pm

Plus:

Friday, Aug. 28, 7:30 pm

Saturday, Aug. 29, 7:30 pm

And Final Performance:

Sunday, Aug. 30

2:00 pm matinee

Did you know that:

- Harry Whiteley once worked as ticket taker at the Rogers Theater
- Mark Florip's dad ran the movie projector at the Rogers Theater
- Anyone who ever worked at the Rogers Theater will get free admission to the re-opening party Sept. 9
- New volunteers are always welcome on stage and behind the scenes

Community Theatre Gets Non-Profit Status

The Rogers City Community Theatre received the coveted status of a 501(c)(3) non-profit group from the US Internal Revenue Service. Although the IRS letter was dated August 6, 2009, the non-profit status is retroactive to January 5, 2009. This means

that all contributions from that day forward are eligible for applicable federal tax deductions.

By receiving non-profit organization status, the Rogers City Community Theatre becomes eligible to apply for many charitable foundation

donations as well.

The Rogers City Community Theatre is a Michigan non-profit corporation, operating under Articles of Incorporation and by-laws and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Donations are welcome and are now tax deductible!



Open auditions for *Escanaba in da Moonlight* will be held at the Rogers Theater on September 15 and 16 at 6:30 pm.

President's Corner by Donna Klein Save a Tree! Stalk a Deer!

Want to connect to the Rogers City Community Theatre and save a tree, too? Just go on line to rcctheatre.org (our new web site) and click on the newsletter link. Once there, you will be directed to our gathering place on yahoo.com. This is where we manage and archive our community theater newsletters. It is a free yahoo group, but it is not intended as a discussion group. Or if you prefer a direct link, the online newsletter is housed at: [http://](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rcct)

groups.yahoo.com/group/rcct. Tell your friends, neighbors and out of town relatives that this is one way to keep up with theatre events and information.

Now about the deer stalking. Just in time for the fall firearms deer season, the Rogers City Community Theatre will present *Escanaba in da Moonlight*. Open auditions are scheduled for September 15 and 16, at 6:30 pm at the theater. Five men and one (brave) woman will be needed, as well

as stage and production crew volunteers. Plan on some hysterical Yooper-style fun.

Don't worry, guys, the *Escanaba in da Moonlight* performances are planned for the weekends of October 30 through November 1 and November 6 through 8. There will still be plenty of time left to get back into the blind and stake out that fifty point buck!

- Donna Klein

Disney's Aladdin Jr. is Part of the First Annual Passport to the Arts Program

"Passport to the Arts" is a summer program highlighting the creative community and the rich, diverse array of art venues and cultural events available in Northeast Michigan. The passport idea is intended to encourage discovery and participation in the arts by residents and visitors alike.

The program's pri-

mary sponsors include the Thunder Bay Arts Council, Besser Museum, NOAA Sanctuary and Art in the Loft in Alpena. The Rogers City Community Theatre is a participating organization in the arts passport region, and has been authorized to stamp passports during all performances of *Disney's Aladdin Jr.*

Passports with the minimum required stamps will be eligible for the prize drawings on October 1. Other passport participants in Rogers City include Domaci Gallery, Presque Isle District Library, and the Presque Isle County Historical Museum. For more information, call the Arts Council at 989-356-6678.

Productions of the Rogers City Community Theater are supported, in part, by a continuing grant from the Huron Shores Humanities Council.



Betty Grable starred in the movie "This Way, Please," which was the first production shown at the new Rogers Theater in 1937.

Grand Re-Opening Party September 9 to Feature 1937 Film "This Way Please" with Betty Grable. All Tickets 25 Cents!

Yes, the long-awaited restoration project for the Rogers Theater is now complete and the building front is restored to its 1937 Art Deco glory. To celebrate, a grand re-opening movie party is planned for Wednesday, September 9. The feature film will be "*This*

Way, Please," including such stars as Betty Grable, Mary Livingstone and Fibber McGee and Molly.

"*This Way, Please*" was the first film to be shown at the new Rogers Theater when it opened in November of 1937. At that time, the price of

admission was just 25 cents. That price will be honored on September 9, so get your quarters shined and ready.

The façade restoration project was made possible, in part, by a grant from the MI Housing Development Authority to the City of Rogers City.



Community Characters: Andrea Shadbolt

Andrea Shadbolt is the director for this summer’s youth theater production of Disney’s Aladdin Jr. But Andrea has performed many other roles at the theater. Her first introduction to theater activities came when she attended the local production of *Chicago*, staged three years ago. “I loved it,” said Shadbolt. “I thought, ‘I could do that.’”

The first performance Andrea participated in was *South Pacific*, where she performed in the chorus. She also worked lights in *Urinetown*, as well as helping with sets. She was in the chorus again in *Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum*, along with assisting in work on the costumes.

More recently, Andrea served as Assistant Director for *Hello Dolly*, which prepared her for directing *Aladdin*.

“I am by nature a very shy person, but working with the theater has really brought me out of my shell,” said Shadbolt. “Before the theater, I couldn’t say two words to anyone. When I saw my children start to take on some of that same shyness, I knew I had to set a better example for them.”

Both of Andrea’s girls have now participated in the youth summer theater programs, and she has seen a positive effect on their poise and ability to perform in public. According to Andrea, the production of *Aladdin Jr.* is wonderful for kids

with large or small roles, because the play gives each one of them an opportunity to shine. “The theater has introduced us to many, many wonderful new experiences,” said Shadbolt.



Andrea Shadbolt directs rehearsals for *Disney’s Aladdin Jr.*

Become a Youth Summer Theater Sponsor for Just \$25

Youth Summer Theater Program Sponsor Form and Ticket Order Form

I wish to support youth theater at the level indicated below:

Number:	Amount:
_____ Footlight Level Sponsorships @ \$25 each	_____
_____ Spotlight Level Sponsorships @ \$50 each	_____
_____ General Admission to <i>Disney’s Aladdin Jr.</i> @ \$10 each	_____
_____ Senior Admission to <i>Disney’s Aladdin Jr.</i> @ \$9 each	_____
_____ Student Admission to <i>Disney’s Aladdin Jr.</i> @ \$6 each	_____

Sponsor name and/or ticket mailing address: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Make check payable to : Rogers City Community Theatre
 Mail completed form to: 257 North Third Street
 Rogers City, MI 49779



All youth theater sponsor names will be printed in the “*Disney’s Aladdin Jr.*” show program.



Children participate in youth summer theater at no fee. Please support this program!

Note to Season Ticket Holders: Your ticket may be used at any of the four scheduled Aladdin performances

