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**SPECIAL EDITION**

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**Arts Council Presents Local Children in  
*Robin Hood*, June 27 & 28**

Nearly sixty local children will get their chance to shine in the spotlight this week when the Watauga County Arts Council presents Missoula Children's Theatre's original musical adaptation of *Robin Hood*. Two performances will be held on Friday, June 27, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 28, at 3 p.m. Both performances will be held at the Watauga High School Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door, \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 12 and under.

The Arts Council is no stranger to the Missoula productions—in years past, area children have starred in productions of *Treasure Island*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Cinderella*, *Hansel and Gretel*, *The Jungle Book*, and more. Missoula Children's Theatre is the nation's largest touring children's theatre, has been touring extensively for over 30 years from Montana to Japan, and they will visit over 900 communities this year with 29 teams of Tour Actor/Directors.

A Tour Actor/Director team arrived in Watauga County on Monday with the set, lights, costumes, props, and make-up. During five days of intensive rehearsal, participating children have learned their lines, staging, songs, and dances. The production has been designed with suitable parts for various age, skill, and experience levels. A few students have been cast as assistant directors, and have focused on technically oriented tasks such as mounting the set, working lights and sound equipment, and assisting with teaching the show to the cast. One of the two Actor/Directors from Missoula will play a supporting role in the production.

In this year's production, Missoula Children's Theatre presents the classic story *Robin Hood*. The time is simply long ago and the place is the magical, mythical Sherwood Forest. Our hero, Robin Hood, and his Merry Band of colorful characters seek the help of the Foresters, manage to waylay the Aristocrats and set out to rescue Maid Marion and Marion's Maid. Prince John tries to stay calm as his Sheriff, guards and horsemen botch Robin's arrest thanks to the aromatic

Skunks. Wacky humor and an original score add to this fresh new look at a legendary outlaw in a legendary time.

The local cast features Silas Keeter as Robin Hood and Seleste Penley as Maid Marion; Priscilla Hoke as Marion's Maid; Mallory Lowe as the Sherrif of Nottingham, and Melody Harmon as Prince John. The Merry Band will be portrayed by: Kya Aliana Cranor, Adrian Sethi, Sidney Ginn, Carrie Harmon, Ashley Bostian, Alyssa Frieberg, Kristina Foster, Camille Bergin, Alexandra Seamone, Terran Martin and Becky Bradshaw. The Aristocrats will be played by Zachary Normile, Taylor Woodridge, Elaina Frieberg and Wriston Hoke. The Horsemen will be played by: Rachel Logel, Sarah Pizaris, Benjamin Pizaris, and Simran Sethi. The Guards will be portrayed by: Grace Bowling, Ruby Boisclair, Kelly Griffin, Meghan Smith, Katheryn Kearse, Dominique Rousseau, Allison Gregory, and Courtney Cramblit. Emma Grace Pinnix, Emma Carder, Gracie Justice, Cameron Hastings, Claire Bowling, Aidan Berounsky, Amelia Darnell and Reece Horbury will play the Foresters. The Skunks will be played by: Caroline Hoover, Heather Justice, McKenzie Burns, Alivya Bryan, Colin Cramblit, Adaira Patrick, Mairin Jacquot, Ella Thompson, Andie Waugh, Marley Berounsky, Jacob Hoke, Jaynae Wright, Savanna Johnson, and Isabelle Murphy. And Matthew Johnson and Lief VanSliedrecht have served as invaluable assistant directors throughout the week.

This production is part of Missoula Children's Theatre's unique international touring project and is presented locally by the Watauga County Arts Council, with additional funding provided by Wendy's and Molecular Toxicology.

The Watauga County Arts Council (WCAC) is a non-profit local arts agency founded in 1981 whose continuing mission is "to sponsor and encourage the cultural arts in Watauga County." There are a variety of ongoing programs, services, and collaborations in place to help achieve that goal and to foster the pursuit, production, and promotion of art indigenous to the community as well. Among these are the annual Summer Concert on the Lawn series, the Arts Placement Service, galleries located in the Jones House Community Center, special events, grants to area artists, and educational programming including performances, workshops, residencies, and scholarships.

As a Designated County Partner of the North Carolina Arts Council, the WCAC sub-grants state monies for local arts-related projects and organizations.

For information regarding the programs and services of the WCAC, or if you are interested in contributing to WCAC, please call (828) 264-1789, or e-mail [wcac@watauga-arts.org](mailto:wcac@watauga-arts.org).