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Paramount Players Announce Upcoming Auditions

The Paramount Players, the in-house community theatre of the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland, KY, announce auditions for *Seussical Kids* and *Princess Diana: The Musical*.

Auditions for *Seussical Kids* will be Monday, August 6 at 6:00 pm. *Seussical Kids* is one of the popular MTI versions of popular musicals that are adapted especially for performers 16 and under. Those auditioning should prepare 16 bars of a musical theatre song with sheet music (accompanist will be provided) or a CD or MP3 version of the music. They will also be asked to learn a movement combination and read from the script. The production helps young performers get on-stage experience in larger roles than would be typical for a regular community theatre production.

"Oh, the thinks you can think" when Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper! Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in *Seussical Kids*.

Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat, our narrator, tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child, who gets in trouble for thinking too many "thinks." Horton's challenge is twofold – not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant! The performance will be September 14 at 7:30 pm. *Seussical Kids* is presented through special arrangement with MTI (Music Theatre International).

Auditions for *Princess Diana: The Musical* will be held on Tuesday, August 7 at 6:00 pm. Parts are available for a large ensemble cast ages 15 and up. There are also parts for 2 boys ages 10-14 to play the young Prince Harry and Prince William. Those auditioning will be asked to prepare 16-32 bars of a traditional music theatre piece with sheet music (an accompanist will be provided) or a CD or MP3 format. They will also be asked to read from the script.

After the death of Princess Diana, avid admirer, songwriter and playwright Karen Sokolof Javitch, expressed her grief by writing over 30 songs about Princess Diana, to describe her life with Prince Charles and their divorce. She teamed with award-winning author, Eline Jabenis to write the script with orchestrations by Chuck Pennington. *Princess Diana: The Musical* tells the story of Charles and Diana, focusing on their courtship, marriage, her relationship with the public and the rest of the royal family. The musical culminates with her divorce and ends after her tragic death. As the musical progresses, it portrays the evolution of the young Diana into the intelligent and mature woman – who

became one of the best known people in the world. 2017 marks the twentieth anniversary of her death. The Paramount Players received a grant from the authors to present the production. The show will run September 22-23 at the Paramount Arts Center.

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