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Imagination Stage Hosts Family-Friendly Fundraiser with Fun, Games, and Medieval Flair.

**The 2018 Children’s Festival: An Adventure in Sherwood Forest
Saturday, May 12, 2018**

BETHESDA, MD (April 17, 2018) Imagination Stage will host **The 2018 Children’s Festival: An Adventure in Sherwood Forest** on Saturday, May 12, 2018. Chaired by **Ashley Bronczek** and **Ginger Dietrich**, The Children’s Festival transports families to an enchanting medieval landscape with an action-packed performance of *Robin Hood* or, new this year, a *You & Me Song Circle with Robin Hood* for children ages 1 to 4. Guests will then enjoy a buffet reception, games and crafts, an onstage dance party, and a mystery raffle!

The 2018 Children’s Festival: An Adventure in Sherwood Forest is at Imagination Stage on Saturday, May 12, at 3:30 p.m., and is recommended for families with children ages 1 to 12. Tickets are \$150 for individuals and family packages start at \$500. Tickets may be purchased online at www.imaginationstage.org/support-us/special-events, or via phone at 301-280-1626. Sponsorships are also available starting at \$1,000.

The Children's Festival is Imagination Stage's signature spring fundraiser, bringing children and families from all over the DC region to celebrate the power of theatre and arts education. Proceeds from the festival benefit Imagination Stage’s theatre and arts education programs, which reach over 100,000 children and families in the DC region each year. Imagination Stage's programs are informed by a core belief in the importance of the arts for all children, regardless of their physical or cognitive ability, or their economic status.

“We are super-excited to chair The 2018 Children's Festival!” say co-chairs **Ginger Dietrich** and **Ashley Bronczek**. “This day truly is a celebration of children, families, and friends who enjoy Imagination Stage and its mission to support theatre and performing arts education. We hope you will join us on this fantastical adventure in Sherwood Forest.”

Imagination Stage’s production of *Robin Hood*, written by Greg Banks and directed by Founding Artistic Director Janet Stanford, provides the theme for this event. In this action-packed reimagining of the story from English folklore – featuring live music and stunning fight choreography– our hero sides with the townsfolk against the cruel Sheriff of Nottingham and greedy King John. Audiences tag along through nail-biting duels,

amazing feats of archery, miraculous escapes, and an epic romance as Robin Hood and his rough-and-tumble band steal from the rich to feed the poor!

The Children's Festival will feature a mystery raffle, with a chance to win boxes of surprise items from generous local businesses, including unforgettable experiences, gift cards, sports tickets, and more! Guests will also enjoy a buffet sponsored by **Occasions Caterers**. During the festival, each room at Imagination Stage will offer a family-friendly activity, such as the **KID Museum** makers space, cookie decorating with **Red Bandana Bakery**, and creative activities with Coach John from **Just for Kids**. Traveling medieval entertainers and an onstage DJ from **Premiere Celebrations** will complete the festive ambiance.

THE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

- 3:30 p.m. – Doors Open
- 4:30 p.m. – Performance of *Robin Hood* for ages 4+ OR a *You & Me Song Circle with Robin Hood* for ages 1-4.
- 5:30-8:00 p.m. - Celebratory buffet, dance party on stage, and family-friendly activities

LOCATION

- 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814
- Parking: Metered parking in the adjacent public parking garage; parking is FREE on weekends
- Metro: Red Line/Bethesda Station

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ABOUT IMAGINATION STAGE

Founded in 1979, Imagination Stage is a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to inspire creativity through theatre and arts education programs that nurture, challenge, and empower young people of all abilities. It offers year-round professional theatre for young audiences and classes in creative drama/acting, musical theatre, dance, and filmmaking for ages 1-18.

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