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A FIESTY FEMALE PERSPECTIVE IN ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC'S *TINKER BELL* A WORLD PREMIERE PLAY BASED ON THE CLASSIC PETER PAN STORY

GLEN ECHO, MD –[Adventure Theatre MTC](#) (ATMTC), recent recipient of three 2017 [Helen Hayes Award Nominations](#), brings to the stage the world premiere play, *Tinker Bell*, written by Washington, D.C. playwright Patrick Flynn and directed by Adventure Theatre MTC favorite, Nick Olcott (*Three Little Birds*, *Knuffle Bunny*). Based on the works of Sir J. M. Barrie, this exciting retelling of the classic Peter Pan story is recommended for all ages and opens June 24, 2018. Tickets are \$19.50 each and can be purchased online at www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org or by calling 301-634-2270.

Everyone knows the story of Peter Pan. Or, at least, everyone thinks they do. But unless you have heard it from *Tinker Bell* directly, you really have not heard it at all. A new twinkling light shines on all the characters you love including, Wendy, the Lost Boys, Peter Pan, Smee, and the nefarious Hook from a feisty fairy's point of view.

Director Nick Olcott says of the production, "In many tellings of the Peter Pan story, *Tinker Bell* is reduced to a stereotype: the jealous, vengeful woman. Patrick Flynn, drawing on the original play and novel from which the story comes, finds a deeper, richer meaning. *Tinker Bell* has to struggle with a basic human conflict: What do you do when a friend makes you angry? Can you love someone and be furious with them at the same time? It's a question every family faces, and learning to deal with it is a huge part of growing up. What could be better than to wrestle with this question while you're laughing at the antics of an irrepressible sprite with a rapier-like wit?"

Artistic Director, Michael J. Bobbitt, agrees. "As a character, Tink is so delightfully flawed, and I think families who love Peter Pan will really enjoy this retelling of the classic tale. There's action, magic, adventure, swashbuckling, and classic characters. What more could D.C. area kids want this summer?"

Tinker Bell is recommended for all ages. Tickets are \$19.50 each with Flexpass, group, and field trip rates available. **The press performance will be Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 2pm.** All performances will take place at Adventure Theatre MTC, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD, 20812 in the historic Glen Echo Park. For more information about Adventure Theatre MTC or *Tinker Bell*, call 301-634-2270 or visit www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org.

ABOUT ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC

Adventure Theatre MTC educates and inspires new generations of theater artists and audiences with exceptional theatrical experiences.

TINKER BELL FACT SHEET

A World Premiere Play

Based on the works of Sir J. M. Barrie

Adapted for the stage by Patrick Flynn

Directed by Nick Olcott

Recommended for all ages

CAST (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Director.....	Nick Olcott
Playwright.....	Patrick Flynn
Fight Director.....	Jenny Male
Costume Designer.....	Moyenda Kulemeka
Set Designer.....	Daniel Pinha
Lighting Designer.....	Sarah Tundermann
Sound Designer.....	Neil McFadden
Properties & Puppet Designer.....	Andrea "Dre" Moore
Stage Manager.....	Katie Dooley

PRODUCTION TEAM

Tinker Bell..... Michelle Polera
Peter Pan..... Carlos Castillo
Captain Hook..... Elliott Dash
Mr. Smee..... Topher Williams
Wendy..... Meghan Abdo
Ensemble #1 (Lost Boys)..... Ashley K. Nicholas
Ensemble #2 (Pirates)..... Danny Pushkin
U/S Captain Hook/Smee..... Matt Meyers
U/S Peter Pan/Ensemble..... Tendo Nsubuga
U/S Tink..... Gabby Wolfe
U/S Wendy/Ensemble..... Michelle Huey

IMPORTANT DATES/SPECIAL EVENTS

Production Run Dates – June 22- August 19, 2018
Press Opening – June 24, 2018 at 2pm
Pay What You Can Performance- June 22, 2018 at 7pm
Pajama Party with free milk & cookies- June 22, 2018 at 7pm
American Sign Language Interpreted Performance – June 20, 2018 at 2pm
Sensory/Autism Friendly Performance- August 4, 2018 at 2pm
Tinker Bell Fundraiser- August 5, 2018

Sundays

June 24 11am
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 11am, 2pm, & 4:30pm
August 5,19 11am, 2pm, & 4:30pm

Mondays

June 25..... 10:30am
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30am

Fridays

June 22 (Pajama Party- see the show in your PJ's and get cookies!) 7pm
July 13, 27..... 7pm
July 20 11am
August 3, 17..... 11am

Saturdays

June 23..... 11am & 2pm
June 30..... 11am, 2pm, & 4:30pm
July 7, 14, 21, 28 11am, 2pm, & 4:30pm
August 4, 18 11am, 2pm, & 4:30pm

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