

Kelsey Theatre Offering 2009-10 Children's Series

The Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College will stage an ambitious Kelsey Kids Series during its 2009-10 season, featuring professional productions by traveling troupes.

The series will begin with Kaleidoscope Theatre's musical adaptation of *Aladdin* on September 26, followed by Theatre IV's performance of the fairy tale *Snow White* on October 3. *The Three Pigs*, presented by Kaleidoscope Theatre, will arrive October 17, while Theatreworks/Two Bean Productions will bring *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* to the Kelsey stage November 21.

Two annual favorites will be presented during the holiday season, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, presented by the Kelsey Players December 11 to 13, and *The Nutcracker*, performed by New Jersey Youth Ballet, December 18 to 20.

The new year will begin with *Magic with the Nelsons* on January 23, 2010. *Bugsy Malone Jr.*, a tribute to 1920s gangster flicks, will follow January 29 to 31, featuring a cast of youngsters who have honed their acting skills in MCCC's Tomato Patch Workshops.

American Family Theatre will present its adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's *The Little Mermaid* Febru-

ary 20. Concluding the season will be a variety of other popular tales and book adaptations, including Theatre IV's *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* on March 27, ArtsPower's *Are You My Mother?* on April 10, Theatreworks/USA's *Click, Clack, Moo* on May 22, and Kaleidoscope Theatre's *Mother Goose* on June 5.

Other productions suitable for the family will include *Alice in Wonderland*, based on the Lewis Carroll classic, opening September 4 and running through September 13; *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, a musical from Maurer Productions OnStage, March 12 to 21; *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, by The Yardley Players, April 23 to May 2; and *My Fair Lady*, May 7 to 16.

The cost for children's shows is \$8 for children and \$10 for adults. Group discounts are also available. E-tickets may be purchased online by visiting the Kelsey website at www.kelseytheatre.net. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the Kelsey box office at (609) 570-3333 or by ordering in person at the box office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Kelsey Theatre is located on MCCC's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road.

