

## **'Pinocchio' comes to life on Kelsey Theatre stage**

The adventures of "Pinocchio," a puppet who longs to be a real boy, will be explored at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre at 7:30 p.m. today.

Lonely old Geppetto carves himself a son out of wood. No sooner does he complete the job than the puppet springs to life.

But Pinocchio is not yet a real boy. First he must prove himself worthy. After many missteps – and a nose that grows longer with each one – Pinocchio finally learns the important lessons of honesty, bravery and loyalty that ensure his entry into the human world.

Featured in the Yardley Players' production of "Pinocchio" are Stephen Szemis of West Windsor as Pinocchio; Michael McCollum of Feasterville, Pa., as Geppetto; Jeffrey Milstein of East Windsor as Master Cherry; Laura Murey of Hamilton as Blue Fairy; Kyle Ossowski of Lawrenceville as Harlequin; Emma Rulli of Burlington as Columbine; Marina Vrahnos of Plainsboro as Fire Eater; Caroline Scott of Skillman as the Fox; Simon Hamilton of Princeton as the Cat; Claire Norden of Newtown, Pa., as Candlewick; Douglas Eberhart of Yardley, Pa., as Barker; Jim Guenther of Lawrenceville as Coachman; and Walter Smyth of Trevoise, Pa., as the voice of the Cricket.

Tickets are \$8 for children and \$10 for adults. Additional performances are 2 and 4 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday.

Kelsey Theatre is located on the college's West Windsor campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road. For more information, call (609) 570-3333.



**The Blue Fairy (Laura Murey) helps Pinocchio (Stephen Szemis) in his quest to become a real boy in the Yardley Players production of "Pinocchio" at MCCC's Kelsey Theatre.**

