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Trollwood Performing Arts School Presents The Addams Family

Trollwood Performing Arts School is proud to announce its 2024 Mainstage Musical, *The Addams Family!*

Trollwood is thrilled to bring the creepy, kooky, spooky, ooky family to the stage at Bluestem Amphitheater. This musical comedy based on the characters created by Charles Addams, sees the Addams Family dealing with a brand-new adversary: love. Wednesday Addams returns home with her new boyfriend and his parents for dinner at the Addams mansion and the family finds she has been pulled in a new direction; she's happy. Her parents, Gomez and Morticia, panic and wonder where they went wrong, while little brother, Pugsley, misses his evil, torturous sister and best friend. Full of the evil antics and mayhem the family is famous for, this musical comedy is a haunted mansion full of laughs sure to keep the whole family entertained. Trollwood's production of *The Addams Family* is proudly sponsored by Bell Bank.

"We are excited to present 'The Addams Family' as this year's mainstage musical at Trollwood Performing Arts School," said Kathy Anderson, Executive Director of Trollwood and Bluestem. "This show provides a fantastic opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in a uniquely imaginative and humorous production. It's a chance for them to showcase their talents in a way that resonates with audiences of all ages. Our students will be guided through an educational process by an amazing team of artists, led by Artistic Director Michael Walling. With this production, we aim to celebrate the creative spirit and dedication of our students, highlighting the vibrant energy and talent that our young performers will bring to the stage."

Performance dates are set for July 16-20 and 23-27 at Bluestem Center for the Arts, home of Trollwood Performing Arts School, 801 50th Avenue South, Moorhead, MN. Discounted group ticket sales for the purchase of 10 or more tickets on a single performance night will be open on December 11. Regular ticket sales will open online on April 15. Pricing details will be available at <u>www.trollwood.org/box-office</u>.

Cast auditions will be held February 17-20, 2024. **Orchestra auditions** will be held March 6-9, 2024. All auditions are open to students currently in Grades 8-12. Students may sign up for an audition slot by calling 218-477-6500 or by emailing trollwood@fargo.k12.nd.us. Students may also participate as a **run crew member** or **technician** by registering for summer programming. More details about joining the cast, orchestra, or technical crew can be found at <u>www.trollwood.org/mainstage-musical/</u>.

Synopsis from Theatrical Rights Worldwide: *The Addams Family*, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family - a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before - keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY A NEW MUSICAL

Book by MARSHALL BRICKMAN and RICK ELICE Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams

Originally produced on Broadway by Stuart Oken, Roy Furman, Michael Leavitt, Five Cent Productions, Stephen Schuler, Decca Theatricals, Scott M. Delman, Stuart Ditsky, Terry Allen Kramer, Stephanie P. McClelland, James L. Nederlander, Eva Price, Jam Theatricals/Mary LuRoffe, Pittsburgh CLO/Gutterman-Swinsky, Vivek Tiwary/Gary Kaplan, The Weinstein Company/Clarence, LLC, Adam Zotovich/Tribe Theatricals By Special Arrangement with Elephant Eye Theatrical

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