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Trollwood Performing Arts School Presents Mamma Mia!

Trollwood Performing Arts School is proud to announce its 2025 Mainstage Musical, Mamma Mia!

Trollwood is packing its bags and flying off to Greece as it prepares for a trip down the aisle audiences will never forget. This musical, featuring the chart-topping hits of Swedish pop sensations ABBA, tells the story of a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father. Everything is shaping up perfectly for Sophie's dream wedding to dreamy fiancé Sky, except that she wants her father to walk her down the aisle and she doesn't know who he is. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship, creating an unforgettable spectacle. Trollwood's production of *Mamma Mia!* is proudly sponsored by Bell Bank.

"We are excited to present *Mamma Mia!* 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 22-26 and July 28-August 2. 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 are open now. Regular ticket sales will open in May. Pricing details are available at <u>www.trollwood.org/box-office</u>.

Cast auditions will be held February 22-26, 2025. **Orchestra auditions** will be held in March. 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 membe**r 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-</u><u>musical/</u>.

Synopsis from Music Theatre International: *ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.*

MAMMA MIA! MUSIC AND LYRICS BY BENNY ANDERSSON BJORN ULVAEUS AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON [BOOK BY CATHERINE JOHNSON] [ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY JUDY CRAYMER]

MAMMA MIA! Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. <u>www.mtishows.com</u>

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