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Bring the Kids to 'Junie B. Jones' at the PAC March 1

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The family theatre production, JUNIE B. JONES – Theatreworks USA's all-time most popular show – is like a Broadway musical just for kids.

On Sunday, March 1, 2009 at 3 p.m. in the Cohan Center, Cal Poly Arts presents an encore performance of JUNIE B. JONES as part of their affordable Family Event Series.

The show is recommended for audiences ages 5+ (please, no infants).

New York 1 declared the Theatreworks production to be "a splendid hour of music, laughter, life lessons, and the art of putting on a show."

Based on the beloved book series written by Barbara Park, the musical stars the outspoken, precocious, lovable Junie B. Jones in a colorful, funny, fast-paced story about new friends, new glasses, sugar cookies, the annual kickball tournament, and other hilarious first-grade angst-ridden situations.

Children and parents alike will be thoroughly entranced by Junie and her adventures as she writes down the story of her life in her "Top-Secret Personal Beeswax Journal."

The musical is a compilation of four volumes in Barbara Park's Junie B. Jones series, illustrated by Denise Brunkus and published by Random House: Junie B., First Grader (at Last!); Junie B., Boss of Lunch; Junie B., One-Man Band, and Top-Secret Personal Beeswax: A Journal by Junie B. (and Me!).

After a brief New York City-area tour in spring 2004, Junie B. Jones premiered Off-Broadway at the Lucille Lortel Theatre in July 2004 and began its national tour that fall. In 2006, the show was nominated for the Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Off-Broadway Musical.

Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich (Dear Edwina, Taylor the Latte Boy) wrote the script, adapted from the published works. Peter Flynn (performer in Broadway's The Scarlet Pimpernel) directs and the Lortel Award-nominated choreography is by Devanand Janki (Off-Broadway credits: Zanna Don't, Cupid & Psyche). The scenic design is by Luke Hegel-Cantarella (Theatreworks USA's Corduroy) and Lora LaVon designed the costumes.

Theatreworks USA is America's largest and most prolific professional not-for-profit theatre for young and family audiences. Since 1961, the company has entertained and instructed over 72 million people in 49 states and Canada and now performs for almost four million people annually.

Each season, the company tours approximately 16 productions from its ever-growing repertoire of 115 plays and musicals. In addition, Theatreworks USA has an extensive multi-cultural guest artist roster, including storytellers, puppeteers, poets, and magicians.

Theatreworks USA provides young actors, writers, directors, and designers an early opportunity to work in their fields. A list of Theatreworks USA alumni includes four-time Tony-winning director Jerry Zaks, TV's "Friends" scriptwriters Marta Kauffman and David Crane, and well-known actors such as Henry Winkler.

All adult tickets for the performance are \$18; student/child tickets are \$14 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

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