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Stages Theatre Company (STC) closes its 29th season with the smash hit "Disney's Aladdin Jr." opening June 28 at the Hopkins Center for the Arts located at 1111 Mainstreet in downtown Hopkins, MN. Audiences can expect to see their favorite characters -- Princess Jasmine, Genie and Aladdin – as they embark on an adventure filled with magic and mayhem.

Cryo jets, fog, confetti cannons and a star maze are just some of the tricks that will surprise audiences. Cryo jets produce a plume of "smoke" (CO2 cloud) that reaches 20-30 feet. The plumes of smoke can be colored by either ambient stage lighting or lighting instrumentation directed on them, so they can range in colors limited only by the lighting designer's imagination," says Associate Technical Director Jim Hibbeler.

Special events revolving around "Disney's Aladdin Jr." include St. Jude's second annual Theatre of Dreams, a family fundraising event celebrating theatre and the lifesaving mission of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Visit www.stjude.org for more information. The cast will appear at Mall of America on Tuesday, July 2 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for Toddler Tuesday, and at the Minnesota Children's Museum on Tuesday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Stages Theatre Company engages young artists with themes relevant to their lives and involve them in creating magical works featuring young people in meaningful roles. Through theatrical productions, workshops, conservatory classes and other outreach programs, Stages Theatre Company annually serves more than 130,000 young people and their families.