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TAM's Family Show Full of Feline Frenzy and Fantastic Friendship

Monmouth, Maine – Theater at Monmouth's 2016 Family Show features a new adaptation of the classic tale of a feline master-mind, *Puss in Boots*, adapted for the stage by producing artistic director, Dawn McAndrews. This re-telling opens on Saturday, July 2nd at 1:00 p.m. Each summer, TAM presents a play for children of all ages adapted from classic literature. Due to the popularity of past Family Shows *Puss in Boots* will run throughout the season including weekday and weekend performances.

A poor miller's son, has his life changed when the sassiest cat in all of France, Puss in Boots, comes up with a clever plan to change his fortune. All she needs is a fabulous pair of boots and his faith in her. The miller's son is taken on the adventure of his life but soon learns that one little white lie can become a giant furball! Just how far will this cunning cat go to live the high life of a Parisian cat?

Director Stacey Koloski enjoys the rich history of storytelling involved in this production. "Our *Puss in Boots* will be a familiar tale. There will be plenty of colorful characters facing plenty of entertaining moral dilemmas. There will be magic ...and there will be boots! But there will also be new twists and unexpected turns," she says. "We may even borrow from some of Perrault's other fairy tales as we search for our HAPPILY EVER AFTER."

Puss in Boots features Erica Murphy as Lawyer/ Ms. Ogré/ Duchess; Joe Mariani as Charles/ Mr. Ogré; Kelsey Burke as Jeanne/ Lady Dijon; Alan Estes as Philippe; and Isabella Etro as Boots. Set design by Dan Bilodeau, costume design by Robert de Hoyos, lights by JP Ankrom, and sound by Rew Tippin.

Performance Calendar: OPENING 7/2 at 1:00 p.m.; additional performance dates 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 8/2, 8/6, 8/9, 8/13, and 8/18 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. Discounts available for groups of 10 or more. For calendar and reservations, please contact the TAM Box Office at 207.933.9999 or visit www.theateratmonmouth.org.

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Theater at Monmouth, founded in 1970, was named the Shakespearean Theater of Maine by the State Legislature in 1975. The theatre's mission is to present innovative approaches to Shakespeare and other classic plays through professional productions that enrich the lives of people throughout Maine. Since its founding, TAM has produced expertly crafted, engaging productions in its three-month Summer Repertory Season entertaining audiences from 36 states and through Education Tours annually reaching more than 15,000 students statewide.

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