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Press Release

Missoula Children's Theatre's Auditions for Robin Hood

Nelle Black Auditorium

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An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of ROBIN HOOD Monday, March 9 at the Nelle Black Auditorium from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Those auditioning should arrive at 3:45 pm and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are Robin Hood, Maid Marion, Marion's Maid, Prince John, the Sheriff of Nottingham, the Foresters, the Aristocrats, the Merry Band, the Guards, the Horsemen and the Skunks. All students, grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to assist with the technical aspects of the production.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm each day. There is a no fee to participate in the week's production. This week is made possible in the Canton area through the support of the Bank of Canton.

ROBIN HOOD will be presented on Saturday at the Nelle Black Auditorium at 3:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Admission price for these performances is \$5.00 The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Towanda is brought to you by the Bradford County Regional Arts Council with

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support provided by major sponsors of the 2008-2009 season. For more information on this event, call Elaine Poost at 570.268.2787.

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), the nation's largest touring children's theatre, has been touring extensively for 35 years now from Montana to Japan, and will visit more than 1,200 communities this year with 36 teams of Tour Actor/Directors. A tour team arrives in a town with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play...except the cast. The team holds an open audition and casts 50-60 local students to perform in the production. The show is rehearsed throughout the week and two public performances are presented on Saturday. All MCT shows are original adaptations of classic children's stories and fairytales . . . a *twist* on the classic stories that you know and love. Also included in the residency are enrichment workshops presented by the Tour Actor/Directors in area schools. Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through the participation in this unique, educational project. MCT's mission is *the development of lifeskills in children through participation in the performing arts*.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is based in Missoula, Montana, and also runs many local programs. These include musical theatre day camps and performing arts classes for local children, a summer residency Performing Arts Camp for students from around the world and the MCT Community Theatre which creates an arena for local talent of all ages to participate in large-scale productions and attracts audiences from western Montana.

For more information regarding the Missoula Children's Theatre, please contact us:
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Attached photo is of local children on the Keystone Theatre stage during the 2008 Missoula Children's Theatre auditions.

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