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**PLAYHOUSE ON THE GREEN ANNOUNCES
PROJECT BROADWAY 2009
SUMMER THEATER PROGRAM FOR KIDS AND TEENS
JULY 6-AUGUST 14, 2009.**

Missy Waryas joins Playhouse team as Project Broadway Program Director.

Bridgeport, CT— Playhouse on the Green, Bridgeport's not-for-profit community theater, announces **PROJECT BROADWAY**, a summer theater program for kids and teens, now in its second summer. The program runs for 6 weeks, **July 6-August 14, 2009** (complete schedule below) at Playhouse on the Green, 177 State Street, Bridgeport, CT, 06604.

Taught by professional teaching artists, **PROJECT BROADWAY** creates an educational and fun atmosphere while teaching kids in Grades 1-4 and Grades 5-8 how to create a Broadway-style musical in one week through script-writing, improvisation, acting games, showtunes, and hot dance moves. On the last day, it all comes together in one amazing show for family and friends. Each of the 6 week-long sessions is unique, so families can register children for 1 week or more. In **PROJECT BROADWAY @ NIGHT**, teens in Grades 9-12 create a dramatic and tumultuous production of the classic play *Romeo & Juliet* in a single 5-week session, while gaining acting, voice, and movement skills.

Missy Waryas is Program Director for PROJECT BROADWAY. Ms. Waryas was a director/choreographer teaching artist for last summer's Project Broadway, and she returns to continue her work with Fairfield County students this summer. Although trained as a performer and director, Ms. Waryas began working intensely with youth seven years ago and fell in love with teaching. At Hartford Stage, she served as a lead teaching artist for the Education Department's in-school and residency programs, and worked as the department's resident youth director. Missy currently works for Oddfellows Playhouse (Middletown, CT) as a teaching artist and director and is a faculty member at the Independent Day School (Middlefield, CT). Recent directing credits include: *Willy Wonka*

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Jr. (IDS), Breakdancing Shakespeare: *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Laramie Project*, *The Threepenny Opera* (Oddfellows Playhouse), Brand: New Festival (Hartford Stage). Missy received her BFA in Theatre and Television from Texas Christian University and her MA in Directing from Texas State University.

Registration fees for PROJECT BROADWAY are \$275 per week for Grades 1-4 and Grades 5-8, with a discounted Early Bird registration fee of \$250 for families signing up by May 1, 2009. Teen registration fee for PROJECT BROADWAY @ NIGHT is \$725 for the full 5-week-long session, with a discounted Early Bird registration fee of \$600 for students signing up by May 1, 2009.

PROJECT BROADWAY SUMMER SESSIONS SCHEDULE

GRADES 1-4 and GRADES 5-8

Monday-Friday, 9AM-3PM

Session 1: July 6-10

Session 2: July 13-17

Session 3: July 20-24

Session 4: July 27-31

Session 5: August 3-7

Session 6: August 10-14

GRADES 9-12 (PROJECT BROADWAY @ NIGHT)

Monday-Thursday, 4PM-8PM

July 13-August 14 (5 weeks)

To register for PROJECT BROADWAY, please visit <http://playhouseonthegreen.org/programs-classes/project-broadway> and download the registration form, or e-mail projectbroadway@playhouseonthegreen.org. To register in person, please visit Missy Waryas at Playhouse on the Green on Wednesdays and Fridays, 11AM-3PM (except 4/17 and 4/19).

Playhouse on the Green is a 54-year-old 501(c)(3) not-for-profit theater company in residence at a beautiful 228-seat jewel-box theater in the heart of downtown Bridgeport, Connecticut. Playhouse on the Green's mission is to enrich Bridgeport's cultural life by providing an eclectic variety of live stage entertainment and arts education programs at an affordable cost, as well as providing opportunities for area artists. Among these programs are its mainstage season of plays and musicals; "Playhouse Greenhouse" and "Project Broadway", its arts education programs for kids and teens; a Sunday evening series of music and comedy; and the "Page to Stage New Play Reading Series", which brings the new work of Connecticut playwrights to the stage.

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