

# VICKSBURG THEATRE GUILD

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## The Kids are Alright!

### *Young Actresses and Actors Take Over during Vicksburg Theatre Guild's Fairy Tale Theatre*

VICKSBURG, MS (June 16, 2008): Seventy-six performers, ages seven through 18, will take the stage for four days starting on June 26 to present four plays during Vicksburg Theatre Guild's 23rd season of Fairy Tale Theatre. The young people also direct the productions, with the adults in the background.

For the first time this year, a former Fairy Tale Theatre actress will serve as a supervising adult. Julia Blake also stars in *Gold in the Hills* and had a lead role in the last main stage play. According to Julia, "I feel like I've gone full-circle, from being onstage to directing. It's fun to see things from the other side. Directing children is delightful because they bring so much personality to their characters." Julia is working with apprentice director Megan Melton to present *Sarah and the Magical Mix-Up*, a play written by Linda Mitchell, Associate Extension Professor at Mississippi State University.

A second play also has local origins. *Another Night of Dancing* was co-written by Vicksburg residents Marie Cunningham and Allie Johnson. Allie is also the student director. This year's remaining plays are *Emma Lou and the Big Ragout* with apprentice director Ryan Van Den Akker and *The Glass Slipper* directed by Nikki Jobe.

Fairy Tale Theatre was established in 1986. Through Fairy Tale Theatre, children gain experience in areas of theatre such as acting, learning lines, making costumes, helping with set construction, and working backstage.

	Performance Schedule		Tickets
<b>Thursday, June 26</b>	10 a.m.	Another Night of Dancing	\$5 Adults
	7 p.m.	Emma Lou and the Big Ragout The Glass Slipper	\$3 Children (12 & under) No Reservations Required
<b>Friday, June 27</b>	10 a.m.	Sarah and the Magical Mix-up	
	7 p.m.	The Glass Slipper Another Night of Dancing	
<b>Saturday, June 28</b>	2 p.m.	The Glass Slipper Emma Lou and the Big Ragout	
	7 p.m.	Another Night of Dancing Sarah and the Magical Mix-up	
<b>Sunday, June 29</b>	2 p.m.	Sarah and the Magical Mix-up Emma Lou and the Big Ragout	

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