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"You won't get to Narnia again by that route."

WHO: Youth Theatre Northwest
WHAT: *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*
WHERE: New! YTN Black Box at Emmanuel Episcopal Church
WHEN: April 24-May 10th, 2015 - FRI/SAT Evenings at 7pm, SAT/SUN Matinees at 2 pm
HOW: Tickets are available at YouthTheatre.org or call 206-232-4145, ext. 109

(Mercer Island, WA) – For over 30 years, Youth Theatre Northwest (YTN) has served youth from the Puget Sound region with high-quality arts education. Each year, YTN produces dynamic theatre for thousands of families, introducing young audiences to the magic of the performing arts while inspiring young actors with the magic of creative play and the thrill of live performance. Come celebrate our amazing legacy and join us for our 31st Season!

With multiple artistic elements converging in on one story, YTN's conservatory program is proud to present *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*, which opens Friday, April 24th and performs through Sunday, May 10th, 2015. Based on the novel by renowned author C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* features 23 actors grades 4th through 12th from across the Puget Sound region and is directed by **James Lapan**, a veteran actor and educator in the Seattle Theatre community.

Description: This dramatization of C.S. Lewis' classic, faithfully recreates the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great lion, his struggle with the White Witch, and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe into the exciting, never-to-be-forgotten land of Narnia. With large scale puppets, sword fights, and spectacular set and costume design, YTN brings to life the memorable moments from this wintery adventure. From the temptation of Edmund by the witch, to the slaying of the evil wolf by Peter, to the witnessing of Aslan's resurrection by Susan and Lucy, and the crowning of the four new rulers of Narnia the audience will be transported inside a unique vision of this timeless classic. This story of love, faith, courage and giving, with its triumph of good over evil, is a true celebration of life.

The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe is best for ages 8+.

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***The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* performs in the newly installed YTN Black Box at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.**

Performances are April 24th-May 10th; Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2:00 pm. YTN Black Box is located inside the Parish Hall at Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 4400 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$10 for teens for the March 6th Opening Night Gala, which includes an inaugural ceremony to dedicate the new space and intermission dessert buffet. All other performances are \$15 for adults and \$10 for Teens. Tickets may be purchased in advance at www.YouthTheatre.org or at the door.

Performance Schedule:

Opening	Friday, April 24	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, April 25	2:00p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
	Sunday, April 26	2:00 p.m.
2 nd Week	Friday, May 1	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, May 2	2:00p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
	Sunday, May 3	2:00 p.m.
3rd Week	Friday, May 8	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, May 9	2:00p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Closing	Sunday, May 10	2:00 p.m.

The Cast & Production Team: The cast of *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* features some of Youth Theatre’s brightest talent. The cast of 23 actors are from Mercer Island, Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah and Newcastle.

The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe comes to life through the creative talents of its dynamic production team; including Scenic and Lighting Design by **Evan Merryman Ritter** Costumes by **Doris Black**, Puppetry by **Phoenix Smith**, Properties by **Michael Yakovich**, Lighting by **Trina Wright** and Stage Management by **Cory Southwell**.

About Youth Theatre: Youth Theatre Northwest (YTN) nurtures the intellectual, artistic, and personal development of children and youth through drama, education, performing opportunities, and live theatre experiences. YTN is both theatre and school, providing a wide range of classes and programs designed to further theatrical learning, initiate creative play, and stimulate intrapersonal development for children and young adults age 3-18. Additionally, YTN offers classes to Puget Sound students and offers outreach programs to schools and libraries throughout the region. Youth Theatre Northwest will continue its 31st Season with a production *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*, performing April 24 – May 10, 2015 at the Youth Theatre NW Black Box Theatre at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, located at 4400 86th Avenue S.E. For a full season line-up, visit YouthTheatre.org.

