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SSC "Nose" CHILDREN'S THEATRE - PINOCCHIO SCHEDULED TO PERFORM

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL—The Children's Theatre Company of South Suburban College will present award winning playwright Michele L. Vacca's adaption of "Pinocchio." Performances will take place on Saturdays, January 16 and 23, 2016 at 11:00am and 2:00pm.

Despite guidance from the beautiful Blue Fairy and the love of his father, Geppetto, Pinocchio's curious spirit leads him into one wild adventure after another. Using Carlo Collodi's original masterwork as its source, the play is an enchanting and magical journey. The timeless story of the wooden puppet who must earn the right to fulfill his longing to be a real boy brilliantly conveys lessons of responsibility and respect for the feelings of others. Pinocchio is a charmingly innocent, powerfully believable play.

The cast features Kevin Hathaway of Park Forest as Pinocchio, with Pat Nevins of Homewood as Geppetto, Betty Owens of Glenwood as the Blue Fairy, and Charlie Furtek of Lansing is Candlewick.

Also included are Juniper Boerman DeYoung of Thornton as Sidney the Cat and Angela Martin of Midlothian as Sandor S. Swindle, the Fox.

Robert Smagacz of Calumet City plays both Master Cherry and the Puppet Show Barker. Playing both the Fire Eater and Coachman is James Walters of South Chicago Heights. Catherine Hundt plays Harlequin and Ashely Orendorff plays Columbine. Both are from Thornton.

Adding their talents to the production are director Ellie Shunko from Lansing, lighting designer Lydia Bellamy-Palma from Crestwood, costume designer Joanna Tassin from Park Forest and Dean Scalzitti from Chicago. Heather Young and Rochelle Walters are the prop designers. They are from Chicago and South Chicago Heights respectively. Dominic Bellamy-Palma, from Crestwood, is the stage manager.

South Suburban College is located at 15800 State Street in South Holland, Illinois, between Sibley Boulevard and 159th Street. The campus is convenient to Routes 94, 80, 57, and 294 and is also accessible by Metra. Free, ample, well-lit parking is available. Reservations are suggested.

Tickets for "Pinocchio" are \$5 per person. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the 24/7 box office voicemail line at 708-210-5741. Leave your name and phone number and someone will return your call. You may also reserve tickets by e-mail at boxoffice@ssc.edu.

