



Press Release

Dragon Productions Theatre is Proud To Host TheatreGames' Production of Jeans! The Musical

For the past ten year Dragon Productions Theatre acted as the fiscal sponsor for Russian children's theatre company TheatreGames. Even though they received their 501c3 status at the end of 2017, TheatreGames continues to call the Dragon Theatre home for its weekly classes and periodically performs full length children's shows on the Dragon stage and out in the community. This spring they took their latest effort, *Jeans! The Musical* (by Caryn Yacowitz and Diane Claerbout with lyrics and music by Enid Davis) to the Mountain View Performing Arts Center for a sold out run and want to do the show again, this time as a fundraisings event for the Dragon Theatre to thank them for all their support over the years. Wendy DeWitt, the Queen of Boogie Woogie, is providing the musical accompaniment for this production of the play

Jeans! The Musical is the dramatic story of the invention of blue jeans, the pants that won the West and then the world, becoming an American Icon. Immigrants Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis, two real historical characters, dare to dream the American dream. They work hard, fail often and finally achieve beyond all expectations! Performed by the TheatreGames students many years ago as a play from local Palo Alto authors Caryn Yacowitz and Diane Claerbout, who wrote the play together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. It was reworked to add music and lyrics from local children's librarian Enid Davis.

Dragon Productions Theatre Company's Managing Director, Kimberly Wadycki said "I'm really excited to be able to present this on the Dragon stage this fall. The TheatreGames students have been around for years but most of their shows are presented in Russian so I have never been able to experience a show. Getting to hear them sing and tell the story of these immigrants who came and lived the American Dream is just thrilling. It's a terrific story and one that needs to be shared right now."

Of *Jeans!*, Artistic Director Masha Farber says "Meeting this play is pure serendipity for our students – it is a hands-on history lesson, it is in English which is their main language now , and it is a touching and emotional story about the success of immigrants in a new country."

The show will be performed by the TheatreGames Teens with guest performers from the TheaterGames Younger group.

WHEN: Saturday, October 20th at 5p and Sunday, October 21st at 2p

Doors open 30 minutes before the show.

This performance is 75 minutes long with one 15-minute intermission. It is suitable for ages 5 and up.

WHERE: The Dragon Theatre in downtown Redwood City
2120 Broadway Street at the intersection of Broadway and Theatre Way

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HOW MUCH: \$25 for general admission seats; \$20 for student/senior tickets.

CONTACTING THE BOX OFFICE: Leave a voicemail at 650-493-2006 x 2 and your call will be returned within 2 business days. If you'd rather email, contact Nancy at tickets@dragonproductions.net. The Dragon Box Office is not staffed 7 days a week so there might be a delay in response. Buying tickets online at <http://www.dragonproductions.net> is the very best way to reserve a ticket in advance, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

TIX & MORE INFO: <https://www.dragonproductions.net/other-events/jeans-the-musical.html>

PHOTOS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/dragonproductionstheatre/albums/72157700442496414>

ABOUT THE DRAGON THEATRE: Founded in 1999 by Executive Artistic Director Meredith Hagedorn, Dragon's mission is to produce professional theatre that is uncommon, intimate, and accessible to its audiences, artists, and community. Initially itinerant, Dragon opened its first theatre in Palo Alto where it lived for six years. Dragon opened the doors on its current theatre in downtown Redwood City in 2013 and the bigger space has allowed Dragon to offer more events and classes along with its core theatrical programming. The ultimate goal is to create a community space that offers a venue to local artists and creators in the heart of the peninsula.

ABOUT THEATREGAMES: TheatreGames is a bilingual youth drama studio (grades K-12) that has been on the Peninsula for 25 years. Classes are taught mostly in Russian, and they stage plays of Russian and European authors.

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