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### STAGES ST. LOUIS PRESENTS DISNEY'S THE JUNGLE BOOK

(St. Louis, MO) – Stages St. Louis will present its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Theatre For Young Audiences production of *Disney's The Jungle Book* (August 6-17). Appropriate for audiences of all ages, the STAGES Theatre for Young Audiences production is designed to introduce young children to live musical theatre.

Inspired by the classic Rudyard Kipling stories and based on the beloved Walt Disney film, *Disney's The Jungle Book* features music and lyrics by Richard M. Sherman, Robert B. Sherman, and Terry Gilkyson. Book adaptation and additional lyrics are by Marcy Heisler and music was arranged and adapted by Bryan Louiselle.

Appearing in the Stages cast are Christian Probst as Mowgli, Steve Isom as Baloo, Meegan Midkiff as Bagheera, Ben Nordstrom as King Louie, Katy Tibbets as Shere Kahn, Pamela Reckamp as Kaa 1, Maria Tholl as Kaa 2, and Natalie Wisdom as Kaa 3, Timothy Wilson as Cheech, Zak Edwards as Chong, Paul Pagano as Colonel Hathi, and Ariane Rinehart as Shanti.

Direction and musical staging are by Michael Hamilton, with choreography by Ellen Isom, musical direction by Al Fischer, and orchestral design by Stuart M. Elmore. Completing the artistic team are scenic designer James Wolk, costume designer John Inchiostro, and lighting designer Matthew McCarthy.

*Disney's The Jungle Book* will run for two weeks, from August 6 - 17, 2008. Performances will be Wednesday through Sunday at 11:00 am with a total running time of 55 minutes. Tickets are \$14 for children under 12 and \$16 for adults. For more information and to purchase tickets call 314-821-2407 or visit [www.stagesstlouis.org](http://www.stagesstlouis.org).

*Disney's The Jungle Book* is sponsored by Emerson. The 2008 Season is made possible with the support of the Regional Arts Commission. Financial Assistance has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency, and Stages is also funded in part by the Arts & Education Council.

Stages performs in the intimate, 384-seat Robert G. Reim Theater at the Kirkwood Civic Center, 111 South Geyer Road, 63122. The 2008 season will also feature *The Music Man* (September 5 – October 5). The recipient of the 2008 Excellence in Arts Award from the Arts & Education Council and 8 Kevin Kline Awards, including Best Musical, in 2008, Stages St. Louis was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to producing the indigenous American art form of musical theater. The mission of Stages is to become the leading company for musical theater performance and education in the Midwest.

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