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### **STAGES ST. LOUIS ANNOUNCES CASTING FOR THE 2008 HOLIDAY SHOW** *Little Women, The Musical*

(St. Louis, MO) – Stages St. Louis will present its first ever holiday production this December, when it brings *Little Women, The Musical* to the historic Roberts Orpheum Theatre, formerly known as The American Theatre, in Downtown St. Louis from December 5 – 20.

*Little Women* follows the touching and timeless story of the March sisters - Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy - as they grow up in Civil War America, and features book by Allan Knee, music by Jason Howland and lyrics by Mindi Dickstein. Based on the beloved Louisa May Alcott novel, *Little Women* enjoyed a Broadway run and national tour in 2005.

Appearing in the Stages cast are Casey Erin Clark as Jo March, Mary Jane Raleigh as Marmee, Christy Morton as Meg March, Pamela Brumley as Beth March, Cary Michelle Miller as Amy March, Ben Nordstrom as Laurie, Michael Sean Lewis as Professor Bhaer, Sean Hayden as Mr. Brooke, Gary Lindemann as Mr. Laurence, Zoe Vonder Haar as Aunt March and Kari Ely as Mrs. Kirk.

Direction for *Little Women* is by Stages Artistic Director Michael Hamilton, with choreography by Dana Lewis, and musical direction by Lisa Campbell Albert. Completing the artistic team are scenic designer James Wolk, costume designer Lou Bird, lighting designer Matthew McCarthy, and orchestral designer Stuart M. Elmore.

The Stages production will run for 19 performances with evening shows beginning at 8:00 pm and matinees beginning at 2:00 pm. A special student matinee will be held on Tuesday, December 9 at 10 am.

Tickets to *Little Women* are available for purchase at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or through all Ticketmaster outlets, including select Schnuck's and Macy's. Charge tickets by phone at 314-421-4400. Group rates are available through the Stages Group Sales Department at 636-530-5959. Please go online to [www.stagesstlouis.org](http://www.stagesstlouis.org), contact the Stages Box Office at 314-821-2407, or visit the Box Office at 444 Chesterfield Center for more information.

Stages performs its mainstage productions in the intimate, 384-seat Robert G. Reim Theater at the Kirkwood Civic Center, 111 South Geyer Road, 63122. The 2009 season will feature *Little Shop of Horrors* (May 29 – June 28), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (July 17 – August 16), and *Guys & Dolls* (September 4 – October 4).

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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