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Disney's High School Musical, Jr.

Book by **David Simpatico** | Songs by **Matthew Gerrard, Bryan Louiselle, Faye Greenberg, David N. Lawrence, Greg Cham, Robbie Nevil, Ray Cham, Andrew Seeley, Randy Petersen, Kevin Quinn, Adam Watts, Andy Dodd, Jamie Houston**

Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by **Bryan Louiselle**

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie written by **Peter Barsocchini**

Directed by Megan E. Farley

March 10-18, 2018

NAPERVILLE (January 29, 2018) – **BrightSide Theatre**, Naperville's only professional theatre performing in the historic downtown district, is pleased to announce its 6th production of the **BrightSide Theatre Youth Project** with the musical – **Disney's High School Musical Jr.** directed by Megan E. Farley and playing March 10-18, 2018 at the **Theatre at Meiley-Swallow Hall** at North Central College, 31 S. Ellsworth Street in Naperville, tickets are on sale now at www.BrightSideTheatre.com or by calling 630-447-TIXS (8497).

Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical comes to life on your stage in **Disney's High School Musical JR.** Troy, Gabriella and the students of East High must deal with issues of love, friends and family while balancing their classes and extra-curricular activities. The show's infectious, danceable songs are sure to engage performers and audiences alike. It's the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater Dudes all find their cliques. Basketball team captain and resident jock, Troy, discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. The couple causes an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical. Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well.

PRODUCTION DETAILS:

Title: **Disney's High School Musical Jr.**

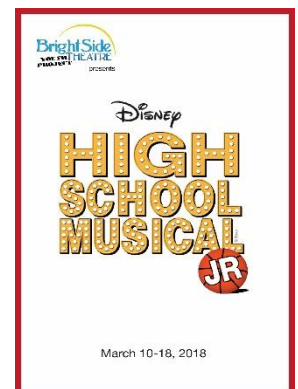
Director: **Megan E. Farley**

Music Director: **Sarah Giordano**

Choreographer: **Jeni Donahue**

Cast: Featuring Kids Performing for Kids who are ages 8 to 15 and from the local area.

NAPERVILLE: Janaki Amerson, Eliana Bendis, Lauren Bries, Natalie Egan, Heidi Haumesser, Maya Kosiarek, Amanda Kornak, Aiden Meagher, Lucy Murphy, Mikaela Opasso, Lara Risdon, Katie Schiltz, Sarah Segvich



AURORA: Juliana Filapek and Josh Hogan

DOWNERS GROVE: Maclean Birch, Marley Birch, Maggie Clark, Ruby Konopacki, Kenzie McCabe, Kayla Riehle, Abby Rook, and Marissa Skeen

LISLE: Vincent Brummel, Kali Cassarino-Sulit, Hailey FitzGerald, TJ Marshall and Treinity Marshall, Olivia Norbut and Fiona Pellicano

BOLINGBROOK: Summer Jarka, Arianne Maxwell, Kayla Miller, and Sara Strohbeck

PLAINFIELD: Ian Curless and Nicole Pelters

ROMEDEVILLE: Leilani Harting

DARIEN: Jack Melie

MAYWOOD: Gracie Leininger

Location: **Theatre at Meiley-Swallow Hall** at North Central College, 31 S. Ellsworth Street in Naperville.

Dates: March 10-18, 2018

Curtain Times:

Saturdays – 11 am & 2 pm performance

Sundays – 6 pm

Tickets: \$12 Discounts: Students \$10. Tickets are on sale now by at www.BrightSideTheatre.com or by calling 630-447-TIXS(8497).

About the Director:

Megan E. Farley (*Director*) is a director/choreographer/actress based out of Chicago. She recently choreographed a production of *Shrek* at Ball State University under the co-direction of Tony Award Winner Sutton Foster. Megan has also been Amber Mak's Associate Director/Choreographer on numerous productions at Paramount Theatre including: *Hairspray*, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, and their Winter 2017 production of *Elf*. This summer, Megan heads to New York as Assistant Director for the New York Musical Festival production of *Numbers Nerds*. Other professional choreography credits include: *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *All Shook Up*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Pinkalicious!*, and *Beanstalk!: The Musical* (Director/Choreographer).

BrightSide Theatre Youth Project is guided by the belief that involvement in arts programs increases the development in children on both an academic and social scale while building self-esteem. The **BrightSide Theatre Youth Project** is designed to provide a professional and educational learning experience for grade school to high school students aged 8-18 interested in exploring musical theater. In this program, children work directly with professional directors, musical directors, choreographers, designers, and artists to develop their own theatrical skills. Our staff has/currently works with professional theatres including, Paramount Arts Center, First Folio, Chicago Shakespeare, Broadway in Chicago, Drury Lane Oak Brook.

BrightSide Theatre (Jeffrey Cass, Artistic Director and Julie Ann Kornak, Executive Director) now in its 7th season is Naperville's only professional theatre performing in the historic downtown district. BrightSide Theatre is committed to Enlighten, Educate, and Entertain through comedies and inspirational stories from across the globe. A unique blend of award-winners, premieres, modern works and timeless classics meant to reflect upon and inform our community inhabit BrightSide's stage.

BrightSide Theatre Youth Project is partially supported and funded by a generous SECA grant and the Dolly McCarthy Show and Cue Camp.

For more information on **BrightSide Theatre** and the **BrightSide Theatre Youth Project**, please visit www.brightsidetheatre.com.

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