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## MARY POPPINS, JR. STEPS IN TIME WITH DELTA YOUTH THEATRE'S SPRING MUSICAL AT GENESIS THEATRE

March, 2019 - Delta Youth Theatre opens its second show of the 2018-2019 season with Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's perennial classic, **Mary Poppins, Jr.**, performing at the Genesis Theatre in Ladner (Delta) from May 8-12. Featuring four different young peoples' casts, this "practically perfect" 80-minute musical will have audiences enthralled with its irresistible score and the magical adventures that ensue when a curious new nanny comes to stay with the Banks family.

Based on the classic P.L. Travers stories and the 1964 Walt Disney film, **Mary Poppins, Jr.** promises

to delight audiences young and not-so-old. Delta Youth Theatre's four different casts feature some 80 students from Delta, Surrey, Richmond and Langley. The company is led by co-artistic directors Tony Barton and Tracy Neff, and is accompanied by a mega talented student creative and production team. Tickets and performance times from May 8-12 are available on the company's website, deltayouththeatre.com.

"We are excited to bring this classic, family favourite to Delta on the heels of the new movie, Mary Poppins Returns," says company director Tony Barton. "It's a feel-good show, with familiar, joyous tunes. It also has poignantly relevant content about working class families and the importance of finding the fun in life," says co-director Tracy Neff. Adapted especially for young performers, the show includes favourite Sherman brothers' songs such as "A Spoonful of Sugar," "Feed the Birds," and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious", as well as wonderful new songs by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe.

"DYT's choreographic team is really excited for this one and have set the bar high," explains the multi-talented Tony Barton. "I'm continually impressed with the students dedication and their ability to rise to a professional performance standard. It's clear from one rehearsal to the next these young actors are working hard and are invested in the production." Building preprofessional skills in the performing arts is the big focus of what DYT offers to young people, but directors Barton and Neff also acknowledge that there's another kind of skill learning that goes on as their student casts work together. "In a time where social media and screens are such a big part of our students' lives, we are proud to watch our actors work and create together. They are focused on the task at hand, they are motivated and they bring their A game! The result of their collaboration is a feeling of family and the sense of mutual pride that results from accomplishing something great."

Tickets for Mary Poppins, Jr. are available online at <a href="https://www.deltayouththeatre.com/">https://www.deltayouththeatre.com/</a> CALL 604-417-7748/ \$25/ GENESIS THEATRE 5005 45 Ave, Ladner (Delta), BC V4K 1K4/ MAY 8-12, 2019/ SEE CASTS AND PERFORMANCE TIMES deltayouththeatre.com

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