



ELLA ENCHANTED THE MUSICAL

Childsplay brings the empowering fairytale in a new production for the holidays

**Dec. 15 - Dec. 30, 2018
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**



(PHOENIX, AZ) Childsplay brings the charming musical, ELLA ENCHANTED to downtown Phoenix for the holidays. Based on the Newbery-honor book and popularized by the major motion picture starring Anne Hathaway, ELLA ENCHANTED is a retelling of the Cinderella fairytale but with an empowering message for girls.

Filled with a delightful score, the strong-willed princess Ella must find her voice to defeat her evil stepmother, her pestering step-sisters and a hungry ogre in order to live happily ever after. Musical numbers include "It's Like Magic," "Finish You Off" and "Obey," creating a memorable and entertaining afternoon for families during the holidays.

ELLA ENCHANTED will be performed each weekend, **December 15 - 30 Saturdays at 1 pm and 4 pm and Sundays at 1 pm at the Herberger Theater Center's Center Stage, 222 E. Monroe.**

Special performances will be held during the holidays: December 24th (Christmas Eve) at 2pm, Wednesday Dec. 26 (2pm), Thursday Dec. 27 (2pm) and Friday Dec. 28 (7pm).

The Storybook Preview for ELLA ENCHANTED is December 15 at 1 pm. Tickets are \$12 (general admission) and each family will receive a free copy of a book related to the Childsplay's 2018-19 Season. The Storybook Preview is sponsored by the Steele

Foundation.

Tickets for ELLA ENCHANTED range from \$12 - \$30 and are available at childsplayaz.org. Backstage tours for families to view sets, costumes and technical aspects of the production are available on December 22 and 29th (Additional purchase required.)

Directed by Childsplay's Artistic Director **Dwayne Hartford**, ELLA ENCHANTED stars **Michelle Chin** as "Ella," **Vinnie Chavez** as "Prince Charmont" and **Katie McFadzen** as the stepmother "Dame Olga." **Savanah Alfred** and **Kat Bailes** take the roles of the step-sisters "Hattie" and "Olive" with **Beau Hickman** rounding out the cast. **Alan Ruch** is Musical Director with **Brant Michaels**, Choreographer.



The lush fantasy world of ogres and princesses is brought to life in a new production for Childsplay, designed by **Aaron Jackson**, with costumes designed by **Connie Furr Solomon**.



This will be the first time Childsplay has produced ELLA ENCHANTED.

ELLA ENCHANTED is produced by special arrangement with Miramax.

Childsplay's 2018/19 Season Sponsor is The Herberger Foundation.

