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IN TANDEM THEATRE ANNOUNCES 2015 SUMMER THEATRE CONSERVATORY

May 21, 2015 [Milwaukee] In Tandem Theatre is proud to announce its inaugural **Summer Theatre Conservatory** for **ages 11-18** from **July 13 – August 12, 2015**. Up to 50 students will participate in this immersive, inclusive course that will culminate in live performances of ***Into the Woods, JR***, based on the award-winning musical by **Stephen Sondheim**. The three week program will run Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm and will be held at the historic **Tenth Street Theatre, 628 N. 10th Street, Milwaukee, WI**. Cost for the entire conservatory is **\$500 per student**. Enrollment deadline is July 1, 2015. To enroll or receive more information, call **414-271-1371**.

Through a hands-on approach, and under the leadership of **Dr. Shannon Sloan-Spice** (Director) and **Annie Denison** (Musical Director), students will participate in all aspects of theatre; **set-building, props, costumes, lights** and **sound design**. Additionally, students will acquire administrative skills in **marketing, publicity, house management** and **box office operations**. This unique, blended humanities approach to arts education will provide a deepened experience of the full artistic process. Opportunities for young visual artists to exhibit and curate their art in the theatre's **10th Street Gallery** are also available.

Students will participate in **team building exercises, movement classes, vocal training, acting exercises, improvisation work, script reading** and **script research, character analysis**, and the **audition process**. Each student, unless they have signed up exclusively for technical theatre, will be assigned an aspect of producing the show in addition to performing in the musical. Students will be trained in this facet of theatre-making by In Tandem's producing directors, **Chris and Jane Flieller**.

Shannon Sloan-Spice, Ph.D. received her classical acting training at the **British American Drama Academy** in Oxford, England, where she was directed in scene work by **Sir Ben Kingsley**. Dr. Sloan-Spice has had master classes with **Alan Rickman, Kevin Spacey, David Leaveaux, Fiona Shaw,** and **Sir Derek Jacobi**. She has been a theater educator for twenty years and has taught at **First Stage, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Milwaukee Shakespeare** and **Waukesha Civic Theatre**.

Annie Denison has 40 years of professional experience and has been performing professionally since she was ten years old. She has worked in all musical genres and extensively in Musical Theatre. Denison won a **Whami Award for Best Vocalist**, and the **Shepherd Express Best of Milwaukee Award for Jazz Group**. Her work has taken her from Las Vegas to New York. She taught music for **Milwaukee Public Schools** for twelve years, and now works with musician Adam Berzowski for their band, **Aleph Motivus**.

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