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Embrace the Adventure and Magic of Ancient China of Disney's *Mulan* at the Alliance Theatre

Feb. 24 – Mar. 19, 2010
Opening / Media Night: Feb. 27, 2010

ATLANTA — The Alliance Children's Theatre celebrates the legendary culture of ancient China where traditions are fundamental and the family honor supreme in the action-packed stage adaptation of Disney's *Mulan*, an exotic musical based on the animated Disney movie. Rosemary Newcott, The Sally G. Tomlinson Artistic Director of Theatre for Youth, once again demonstrates her talent for understanding the rhythms and energy of Disney classics by staging this full-scale version with lavish sets and costumes in the theatrically inventive style of *Aladdin* and *Seussical the Musical*. **Opening Night is Sat, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. on the Alliance Stage.** Tickets are available at the Woodruff Arts Center Box Office by calling 404.733.5000 or online at www.alliancetheatre.org.

In *Mulan*, the destiny of the Chinese people is in the hands of a girl who throws tradition aside to save her family and her emperor. With the help of an upstart dragon, Mulan discovers the hero inside of her and the truth that heroes come in all shapes and sizes!

Complete with towering puppets and the beloved score by the distinguished musical team of Matthew Wilder and David Zippel, Stephen Schwartz, Jeanine Tesori and Alexa Junge, *Mulan* is a must-see for families who have cherished the Disney classic. Live on stage are the spirited girl, her misfit companion Mushu (a dragon), members of her distinguished family (both past and present) and all the other lively characters who have delighted and inspired children since the movie's release in 1998. The score includes favorites like "Reflection," "Honor to Us All" and "I'll Make a Man Out of You."

Mulan, 2-2-2

Bryan Louiselle adapted and arranged the music and provided additional music and lyrics while Patricia Cotter adapted the book and provided additional lyrics.

The cast features eight local actors including Leslie Bellair as Mulan, Bernard Jones (*Class of 3000 LIVE*), J.C. Long (*A Christmas Carol*), Brandon O'Dell (*Class of 3000 LIVE*) and Alecia Robinson (*Seussical the Musical*). ([Biographical information on the cast and creative team members may be found in the attached fact sheet.](#))

Members of the artistic team that will bring this Disney musical adventure to life on stage are Hylan Scott, choreographer; Kat Conley, set designer; Sydney Roberts, costume designer; Pete Shinn, lighting designer; and Clay Benning, sound designer; Christopher Cannon, musical director.

Performances are Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on the Alliance Stage. FAMILIES Centerstage performances on Feb. 27 will be at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The Thursday, Mar. 4 show at 11:45 a.m. will be Audio Described. The matinee performance on Wednesday, Mar. 10 at 11:45 p.m. will be Sign Interpreted.

Tickets are \$20 and \$30 and are available at the Woodruff Arts Center Box Office by calling 404.733.5000 or online at www.alliancetheatre.org. Discount rates for groups of 10 or more are available by calling 404.733.4690. Discount rates are also available for members of the military, seniors and students. The Alliance Theatre is located at the Woodruff Arts Center, corner of Peachtree and 15th Street, in Midtown Atlanta.

SPECIAL EVENT:



A benefit for the Alliance Children's Theatre

An annual festival putting families and great theatre in the spotlight!

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2009

Join the Alliance Children's Theatre for a great family fun fair showcasing *Mulan*! Between two performances, the Woodruff Arts Center Galleria will be transformed into an interactive festival highlighting ways to harness the power of self-expression. Sing, dance, move and create your own art with Atlanta's favorite children's organizations and businesses while supporting the Alliance Children's Theatre!

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Performances: 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Festival: 2 – 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for children and \$35 for adults (includes performance and festival).

To purchase tickets, call 404.733.5000 or visit alliancetheatre.org. For additional information call 404.733.4613.

Mulan is presented by Publix Super Markets Charities. FAMILIES Centerstage is sponsored by Coca-Cola.

Additional Sponsors: *Mulan* is sponsored by Marriott Residence Inn – Official Hotel of the Alliance Theatre; and The Home Depot – Set Construction Sponsor of the Alliance Theatre.

Production of *Mulan* is made possible with grants from the City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs, the Fulton County Arts Council, the Georgia Council for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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The Alliance Theatre is a division of the Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta, Georgia, which also includes the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, High Museum of Art, Young Audiences and the 14th Street Playhouse.