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# "...dead men don't bite; them's my views—amen, so be it."

WHO: Youth Theatre Northwest

WHAT: Treasure Island

A play based on the novel by Robert Luis Stevenson. Adapted by Tina LaPlant.

**Directed by Zoe Wilson** 

WHEN: November 4 - 20, 2016

Friday & Saturday evenings at 7 pm. Saturday & Sunday matinees at 2 pm.

WHERE: Parish Hall Theatre at 4400 86<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040

HOW: Advance tickets are available at **YouthTheatre.org** or call 206-232-4145, ext. 109

(Mercer Island, WA) – For over 30 years, Youth Theatre Northwest (YTN) has served youth from the Puget Sound region with high-quality arts education. YTN produces dynamic theatre for thousands of families, introducing young audiences to the magic of the performing arts while inspiring developing actors with the thrill of live performance. Celebrate our amazing legacy and join us for our 33<sup>rd</sup> season of "theatre by kids, for kids!"

Youth Theatre is excited to commence its 33<sup>rd</sup> School Season by bringing back one of its most popular shows of all time. Join us on an epic journey to the searfaring days when pirates roamed the open oceans in search of treasure. Based on the classic novel by **Robert Luis Stevenson** and adapted by **Tina LaPlant**, *Treasure Island* follows in the footsteps of Jim Hawkins as he pursues the clues on a dusty old map to the legendary Treasure Island. Directed by **Zoe Wilson**, *Treasure Island* performs November 4 - 20 at the Parish Hall Theatre, located at 4400 86<sup>th</sup> Ave SE on Mercer Island.

#### Show description:

YTN is excited to bring back former Artistic Director Tina La Plant's adaptation of this swashbuckling adventure. The story begins with the impressionable and eager Jim Hawkins. After crossing paths with the mysterious Billy Bones, our eager lad discovers the secret map of the legendary Treasure Island and is thrown into a whirlwind of adventure and danger. Jim can trust no one and every step may be his last with the pirate Long John Silver on his trail.

Treasure Island is best for ages 6+.

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### **Location and Tickets:**

All performances will be held at the Parish Hall Theatre, located at 4400 86<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, on Mercer Island. Ticket prices are \$13-\$17. Tickets may be purchased at the performance or in advance at www.YouthTheatre.org.

#### **Performance Schedule:**

November 4 - 20, 2016; Friday & Saturday evenings at 7 pm and Saturday & Sunday matinees at 2 pm.

Opening	Friday, November 4 Saturday, November 5	7:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.
	Saturday, November 5	7:00 p.m.
	Sunday, November 6	2:00 p.m.
Week 2		
	Friday, November 11	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, November 12	2:00 p.m.
	Saturday, November 12	7:00 p.m.
	Sunday, November 13	2:00 p.m.
Week 3		
	Friday, November 18	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, November 19	2:00 p.m.
	Saturday, November 19	7:00 p.m.
Closing	Sunday, November 20	2:00 p.m.

**The Cast:** The cast of *Treasure Island* features some of Youth Theatre's brightest talent. The cast of 25 actors (ages 7-17) are from Mercer Island, Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, Issaguah and Newcastle.

**About Youth Theatre:** Youth Theatre Northwest (YTN) nurtures the intellectual, artistic, and personal development of children and youth through drama, education, performing opportunities, and live theatre experiences. YTN is both theatre and school, providing a wide range of classes and programs designed to further theatrical learning, initiate creative play, and stimulate intrapersonal development for children and young adults age 3-18. Additionally, YTN offers classes to Puget Sound students and offers outreach programs to schools and libraries throughout the region. Youth Theatre Northwest continues its School Season with a radio drama performance of *War of the Worlds*, performing December 2 – 4, 2017. For a full Season line-up, visit <u>YouthTheatre.org</u>.

