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THE LITTLE MERMAID

A New Musical Adventure

Book, Lyrics, & Music by
Dimitri Toscas

Directed by **Dimitri Toscas**

Limited Engagement!

Opening June 4, 2005

WHO: This summer, the Falcon Theatre presents a new take on the childhood classic, *The Little Mermaid*, complete with a delightful cast of characters and original music.

The Little Mermaid features an all-star cast from the stage and screen including **Paul C. Vogt** (of *MAD TV*), **Peter Allen Vogt** (of *Reno 911*), **Jessica Rush** (of the National tour of *Mamma Mia!*), and Falcon favorites **Paul Dean** and **Karen Whipple**.

WHAT: The beloved story of *The Little Mermaid* comes to life on the beautiful shoreline of Ancient Greece in this new musical adventure. As the Greek gods Zeus and Poseidon struggle for power, the little mermaid must find a way to save her handsome true love, even if it means trading her enchanting voice to the wicked Medusa forever. Come see *The Little Mermaid* as you've never seen her before!

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Dimitri Toscas (Playwright / Composer / Director) has performed with the Boston Opera Company, Boston Lyric Opera, Orlando Opera Company, Cleveland Opera, and has appeared in numerous musical productions, including regional productions of *Brigadoon*, *Forever Plaid*, *Man of LaMancha*, *Into the Woods*, and *Assassins*. His directing and writing credits include *The King and I*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Cinderella!*, *The Empty Pot*, *HMS Pinafore* and, most recently, he wrote and directed *The Magic Flute* for the Falcon.

Paul C. Vogt (Poseidon) is a regular cast member on *MAD TV*. Film credits include *Good Boy* and *The Princess Diaries 2*. On TV, Paul has appeared on *Reno 911*, *In Laws*, *Max Bob* and *The ReRun Show*. He has previously been seen onstage at the Falcon Theatre as the ‘Giant’ in *Beanstalk*, and as ‘Papageno’ in *The Magic Flute*.

Peter Allen Vogt (Zeus) has appeared at the Falcon in three other productions including *The Magic Flute*, *Cinderella!* and *Happy Days*. His other recent credits include ‘Sam’ and ‘The Barlog’ in the hit parody, *Fellowship*, as well as *The Princess Diaries 2* and *Reno 911*.

Jessica Rush (Mermaid) recently played ‘Jennifer’ in the Geffen Playhouse’s production of *Paint Your Wagon*. Other credits include the national tours of *Mamma Mia* as ‘Sophie’ (u/s) and *Cinderella* with Eartha Kitt as ‘Cinderella’, as well as many roles for the Walt Disney Company. Television appearances include *The Rosie O’Donnell Show*, *All That* and *Keenan & Kel*.

Paul Dean (Perseus) Favorite credits include: ‘Curly’ in *Oklahoma*, ‘Lysander’ in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, and the ‘Pirate King’ in *Pirates of Penzance*. Paul recently completed guest appearances on *Days of Our Lives*, *Enterprise* and *Summerland*, and was ‘Tamino’ in the Falcon’s *The Magic Flute*.

Karen Whipple (Medusa) has previously appeared in *Cinderella* as ‘Clorinda’, *Thumbelina* as ‘Lady Lovington’ and *The Magic Flute* as ‘Monstra’ at the Falcon Theatre. Karen’s other credits include vocals for *Disney on Ice*, *Nickelodeon*, and *Sesame Street Live*.

WHEN:	OPENS	Saturday, June 4th, 2005
	RUNS THRU	Sunday, August 21th, 2005
	PERFORMANCES	Saturdays at 1pm & 3pm Sundays at 1pm
	PRICES	Kids (12 and under) \$10, Adults \$12

THE FALCON THEATRE is located at 4252 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, in Burbank.

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