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Charlotte's Web PR

Charlotte's Web Weaves in the Holiday Spirit at the Rep

The Ferndale Repertory Theatre's 36th Anniversary holiday production of *Charlotte's Web* is based on the children's classic by E.B.White. Written in 1952 and a Newberry Honor award winner, this little story of loyalty and the true meaning of friendship has had a huge impact on millions of readers spanning three generations. The production will run from Thursday, November 15 to Sunday, December 16. Gala opening night is Friday, November 16, at 8:00P.M, and is in conjunction with the opening of the Art from the Hart gallery.

Performances continue on Fridays, and Saturdays at 8:00pm. through December 15, with matinee performances on Sundays, November 25, December 2, 9, and 16, at 2:00 P.M. Ticket prices are \$12 general and \$10 student/senior. Group rates are available for 10 or more. Actor's Benefit Night is Thursday, December 13 at 8:00PM; proceeds from the evening's show go to our hard-working cast and crew. *Charlotte's Web* is sponsored in part by Bancrest Dairy and the Bansen Family. There is one benefit performance: December 9th for the Fuente Nueva Charter School. A study guide, appropriate for grades K-4, is available on our web site www.ferndale-rep.org. For tickets and information, please call our box office at (707) 786-5483, extension 201.

Charlotte the spider, though small in stature, has a big heart that leads her friend Wilbur, the pig to understand and accept his place in the world. A little girl named Fern loves Wilbur, too, and along with a less-lovable rat known as Templeton, and a barnyard full of lively farm animals a story is woven which is as full of strength and as delicately magical as a web itself. It is the story of a pig, a girl, and a spider who teach us and our young ones about humility, trust, the power of helping others, and the delicate nature of friendship. It also reveals how the lives of those we love will end someday, but life regenerates with zealous beauty through spirit and one's offspring.

Charlotte's Web, the ever-popular tale of bravery and selfless love, will be brought to life on stage by the following 27 talented actors from all over the Humboldt County area: Harmony Birch and Mariah Bruce trade off nightly as Wilbur's savior, *Fern*, Alyssa Murray and Albert Martinez play Fern's parents, *Martha* and *John Arabel*, and Jasper Bernstein is Fern's brother, *Avery*. *Edith* and *Homer Zuckerman*, Fern's aunt and uncle, are Mary Caswell and Gene Cole, and Meghan Walsh is *Lurvy*, the hired hand. In the barn: *Wilbur* is Denim Ohmit, *Charlotte* is Nicole Cowan, Rachel Cardoza plays *Templeton*, Jeanette Sousa is *Sheep* with her three baby *Lambs*, Kahvi Garrett, Dori DeNisi, and River Murray; Christie Mueller plays the *Goose* and Steve Sousa is *Gander*, and *Uncle* is Duante Arriago. *Charlotte's babies* are: Hannah LoBue-Deshais, Anja Tjaden, and Kahavi Garrett. The story is tied together with Narrators who are double cast and trade nightly: (set 1) Gaia DeNisi, Delaney Rice, and Abbey Gans; (set 2) Haley Duey, Abigail Caswell, and Serene LoBue-Deshais. Additional ensemble members include Xochitl Fregoso and Wesley Fuller.

The creative team for *Charlotte's Web* includes Carol Martinez (*Director*), Emily Martinez and Jennifer Stannard (*Production Stage Managers*), Gary Franklin (*Scenic & Light Designer*), Vikki Young (*Costume Designer*), Gabe Groom (*Sound Designer*), Bruce Keller (*Scenic Painting*), Kimberli Hudson (*Properties*), Johanna Hembry (*Poster Design*), and H.R LoBue (*Lobby & PR Photography*).

Join us this holiday season for entertainment worth experiencing. For information and reservations, please call (707) 786-5483, extension 201.

Double Casting Particulars

*The roles of Fern and Narrators are double cast and are called “Apple Crisps” & “Peach Cobblers”.
They alternate nightly, with the “Apple Crisps” beginning on Nov. 15.*

> Mariah Bruce

> Gaia DeNisi

> Delaney Rice

> Abby Gans

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> Harmony Birch

> Serene LoBue-Deshais

> Abigail Caswell

> Haylee Duey

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Apple Cobblers

Peach Crisps