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A SPRING BREAK OF STORYTELLING WITH THE REP

Santa Rosa Beach, FL (February 15, 2016) - The REP Theatre in Seaside is bringing the focus back to the magic of storytelling with two outdoor family friendly performances during Spring Break. Grab a blanket and a snack to enjoy *The Commedia Rapunzel* and *The Stinky Cheese Man* with your whole family before sunset. In the storytelling tradition, catch A Muscle Shoals Music Revue with Amy Black for a soulful side of roots music.

Rapunzel, first published by the Brothers Grimm in 1812, is a story that dates back to the 10th Century Persian story, *Rudaba*, and has twisted and tangled its way through time and space ever since. The REP's adaptation, highlights the popular 16th century the acting style of commedia dell'arte. This style of acting had tremendous impact in the theatre world, establishing professional theatre companies, giving women onstage acting roles, and has gone on to influence artists of all types, making its way into opera, ballet, the paintings of Picasso, all the way to the Marx Brothers, and TV shows like *The Office* or *The Simpsons*. You can catch *The Commedia Rapunzel* at the Seaside Amphitheater on Mondays at 5:00PM from February 29th to April 4th.

The Stinky Cheese Man is based off of the popular children's book, by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. It features all the best classic children's tales we were told as children, with a charming twist of absurdity and mayhem. With an irreverent sense of humor, this show has always been a crowd favorite, and brings together generations of family through laughter. Inspired by the original book's ability to make reading fun and exciting, The REP strives to bring big laughs and fun back to the theatre with this romp production. *The Stinky Cheese Man* will be performed in North Barrett Square in Rosemary Beach on Wednesdays at 5:00PM from March 9th to April 13th.

Not only does The REP perform and share the stories, but they also share the craft of storytelling and theatre arts with local and visiting students. This spring, The REP continues their popular children's Improv Bootcamp sessions. Through these sessions, students learn all the basics of improv by focusing on teamwork, creativity, and thinking outside the box. Students as young as 5 will get to be onstage, learning and performing for their friends and family with The REP's talented actor/teachers. Improv Bootcamp will be held March 1st to April 1st, at 12:00PM for ages 5-9 and 1:30PM for ages 10 and up. On Friday, students get to strut their

stuff on The REP stage for their friends and family in the Improv Army held at 11:00AM at The REP.

American Songwriter Magazine calls Amy Black “a powerful, authentic, talented and above all soulful new entry in the rootsy singer/songwriter ranks;” while the Philadelphia Inquirer calls her “an appealing cross between Bonnie Raitt and Mary Chapin Carpenter” with “songs that mix substance and accessibility.” A Boston-based artist with storytelling and southern tradition in her blood, her seamless blend of all things Americana, coupled with her soulful, smooth vocals and gift for bringing characters to life through song make her an artist that pleases lovers of blues, soul and country alike. Amy will be LIVE@TheREP on Thursday, March 24th at 7:30PM.

Theatre is a collaborative art form that is never truly realized until it is seen by an audience. You are the most essential part of what The REP does and you’ll enjoy taking a break from the isolation of 4G streaming online video screens and making a connection with The REP and the wonderful community here in South Walton, Florida.

The REP’s Spring Break Schedule

The Commedia Rapunzel

Mondays at 5:00PM in the Seaside Amphitheatre
February 29 to April 4

Grab a blanket and a snack for a hilarious afternoon with The REP Theatre! Columбина, Rosetta, Punchin, and Arlequino all let down their hair to tackle the tangled tale of Rapunzel. When Gottle the Witch discovers the thief in her garden, she tricks him into exchanging his first born daughter for the salad he took. Full of lots of witty fun, this commedia tale is a pure delight! *The Commedia Rapunzel* is graciously sponsored by The Seaside Merchants.

<http://lovetherep.com/the-commedia-rapunzel/>

Stories by the Sea

Monday-Friday at 3:30 in the Seaside Lyceum Archway
Feb. 29-April 8

Join The REP Actors as they present a one-of-a-kind storytelling experience for children of all ages. Each day will offer a new story and there might even be opportunities for your participation.

Stories by the Sea is graciously sponsored by The Seaside Merchants.

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The Stinky Cheese Man

Wednesdays at 5:00 in North Barrett Square in Rosemary Beach
March 9-April 13

Join The REP Theatre actors for an afternoon of fable fun! Though the characters may be

familiar, each of your favorite storybook tales are uproariously derailed in this adaptation of Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith's quintessential children's book of fractured fairy tales. Everything from "Chicken Little" to "The Gingerbread Man" gets a complete makeover. Fun music and witty narration accompany the likes of ineloquent giants, sassy barnyard animals, colossal cow pies, and enough stinky cheese to go around.

The Stinky Cheese Man is graciously sponsored by The Merchants of Rosemary Beach.

<http://lovetherep.com/the-stinky-cheese-man/>

Adventures in Alys

Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00AM

Fonville Press - 147 West La Garza Lane, Panama City Beach, FL 32413

March 7-April 6

Join The Seaside Repertory Theatre for a completely original storytelling experience for children of all ages. Watch as we create a new, one-of-a-kind Adventure in Alys, created by our audience (and maybe even join in the stories yourselves)!

Adventures in Alys is graciously sponsored by The Alys Foundation.

<http://lovetherep.com/adventures-in-aly-awkward-oxen-improv-hour/>

Awkward Oxen Improv Hour

Thursdays at 10:00AM

Fonville Press -147 West La Garza Lane, Panama City Beach, FL 32413

March 10-April 7

Awkward Oxen Improv Hour is a fun, interactive, and fast-paced comedy show that's fun for groups of all ages. Join The REP's improv troupe, The Awkward Oxen, as they play improv games, and make up scenes and songs on the spot based on audience suggestions. Free for all ages.

<http://lovetherep.com/adventures-in-aly-awkward-oxen-improv-hour/>

Awkward Oxen Improv Hour is graciously sponsored by The Alys Foundation

Improv Bootcamp

Tuesday & Thursday

Ages 5-9 @ 12:00pm

Ages 10+ @ 1:30PM

March 1 - April 1

Improv Army Showcase for all age classes on Friday at 11:00AM - \$5 for attendees

\$50 per student for two 60 minute classes & Improv Army Performance at The REP

The REP Theatre - 216 Quincy Circle, Seaside, Fl. 32459

The REP's Theatre Camp is all about having fun and learning to think on your feet. Our creative classroom space sets the tone for a fun-filled exploration of the art of comedy. Students learn short and long form improv, comedic character work, and more! Students will show off their new improv skills for their friends and family on The REP stage at The REP's Improv Army Showcase on Friday at 11:00AM. Beginners are always welcome!

<http://lovetherep.com/improv-bootcamp-spring-2016/>

Improv Bootcamp is graciously sponsored by The Seaside Merchants.

A Muscle Shoals Music Revue with Amy Black

Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 7:30PM

Tickets: \$25

The REP Theatre - 216 Quincy Circle, Santa Rosa Beach, Fl. 32459

Join powerhouse singer Amy Black and her band for a soulful celebration of the incredible music that came out of Muscle Shoals, Alabama in the 1960s and 70s, including songs recorded by Otis Redding, Wilson Pickett, The Rolling Stones, Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Lou Rawls, Bob Dylan and many others, as well as originals that embody the spirit and soul of Muscle Shoals. Amy Black's third solo release, "The Muscle Shoals Sessions" (June 2015) was recorded at historic FAME studios in her family's homeland of Muscle Shoals, AL and features Spooner Oldham, the McCrary Sisters and Will Kimbrough. The result was, "a blend of sultry desire, ardent passion...a sound that's both tough and tender" (Relix). "To showcase her true potential as a bluesy, R&B heavy hitter, Amy Black had to go home. Black's soulful chops shine." (Elmore)

<http://lovetherep.com/amy-black-is-livetherep/>

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Celebrating its 16th season, The REP is the leading professional theatre in the panhandle, providing free and mainstage productions throughout the year for locals and visitors. Also active in local schools The REP provides mentoring programs, improv camps, and internships opportunities for children and young adults in the community. A local establishment committed to the community, The REP is a truly special organization vital to the arts and culture of South Walton. Check out all The REP's upcoming events and buy tickets at www.lovetherep.com.