

## Auditions open for local play

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Local actors and actresses are encouraged to come to open auditions for Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which will be presented this spring as part of the Bard on the Bricks event.

Auditions will be hosted on Monday, March 4, and Tuesday, March 5, from 6 until 9 p.m. at the Olde Towne Depot located at 281 East Leake Street. The auditions are open to the public and offered to veterans of the stage and beginners alike. A short Shake-

spearean or classic monologue is encouraged but not required. Headshots and resumes can be submitted at the audition, but are also not required.

The Bard on the Bricks, partnered with Main Street Clinton, will host performances of the well-loved work of William Shakespeare under the stars of Olde Towne on April 27 and 28, and May 2-5.

For more information, call Allie Bennett at the Main Street Office at 601-924-5472.

## CCA celebrates 100 days of school



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Clinton Christian Academy's 4K through second grade recently celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up as "100-year-olds."

## Broadway Retold to shine at Mississippi College

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Broadway's hit musical *Hamilton* tells the story of America's Founding Fathers. MC students will perform a selection from the Tony-winning show, inspired by Ron Chernow's book on Alexander Hamilton. It will be part of the diverse lineup for the university's *Broadway Retold* production. Dates are February 21-24 for the Music Department's program at the Jean Pittman Williams Recital Hall.

Donations of any amount will be accepted at the door to get audiences into the production at the Aven Fine Arts Building.

*Hamilton* is among several notable Broadway musical selections that Mississippi College students will perform in late February.

Arts patrons on the Clinton campus will get a glimpse of scenes from *Hello Dolly* that became a Broadway success story starting in 1964. Featuring Barbra Streisand as the bold and enchanting widow Dolly Levi, the show reached audiences nationwide as a popular movie in 1969. The character Dolly portrayed a socialite-turned-matchmaker in the 1890s.

*Broadway Retold* rehearsals were going full blast in late January and into February. Mary Spivak-Perna, who's found success in concert as well as on the operatic stage, serves as the show's director.

"This show is unique in that we are presenting ensembles from iconic musicals that have never been seen here at MC," Spivak-Perna said. "The cast is currently working diligently to prepare these songs. It is going to be a treat, and you may just get to hear some stories from the cast, as well."

Scenes from shows like *Gypsy* that made its New York City stage debut in 1959 are featured in *Broadway Retold*. So are selections from Broadway shows like *1776* and *Wicked*.

Playwright Peter Stone penned the story of 1776 based on events surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It dramatizes efforts by John Adams to convince his colleagues to vote for American independence.

Audiences at Mississippi College should remember *Wicked* as the blockbuster Broadway musical based on the *Wizard of Oz*. Stephen Schwartz supplied the music and lyrics. The show made its American premiere in San Francisco in 2003.

Audiences that loved the Tony-award winning musical *Rent*, including a cast with Stevie Wonder in 1996, will be treated to scenes in *Broadway Retold*.

Show times for *Broadway Retold* will be 7 p.m. February 21-23 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 24.



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