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THE LITTLE MERMAID WILL BECOME A “PART OF YOUR WORLD”!

*Disney’s THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.
Playing at the Sussex Academy in Georgetown*

Georgetown, Delaware January 8, 2016 - Disney’s THE LITTLE MERMAID JR. is playing at Sussex Academy on Friday and Saturday, March 11th and 12th at 7:00 p.m. The 60-minute musical, designed for middle-school aged performers, is based on the 2008 Broadway production and the 1989 animated feature film. The middle school cast contains approximately 25 students led by director, Jerry Birl.

“This will be our third production (following INTO THE WOODS JR. and SEUSSICAL JR.), and our first middle school production on our new state-of-the-art stage. I am thrilled to be working with such a talented group of students, and I’m humbled by the generosity of donors who have made it possible for these kids to have such a wonderful space to explore and share their talents with the community,” says Birl.

This classic Disney title contains all of the songs from the Academy Award® winning animated feature film as well as three new songs from the Broadway show. **THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.** takes place in a magical kingdom beneath the sea, where a beautiful young mermaid named Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. But first, she’ll have to defy her father, the king of the sea, escape the clutches of an evil sea witch and convince a prince that she’s the girl with the perfect voice.

Performances of Disney’s **THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.** are open to the public. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Sussex Academy is located at 21150 Airport Road, Georgetown, Delaware.



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Disney Theatrical Group also delivers live shows globally through its license to Feld Entertainment, producer of *Disney on Ice* and *Disney Live!* For over 30 years, *Disney on Ice* and *Disney Live!* have brought beloved Disney stories and characters annually to over 12 million guests in nearly 50 countries worldwide through productions such as *Toy Story 3*, *Dare to Dream*, *Treasure Trove*, *Mickey's Rockin' Road Show* and *Phineas and Ferb: The Best LIVE Tour Ever!* In addition, DTG licenses musical titles for local, school and community theatre productions through Music Theatre International.

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MTI is particularly dedicated to the idea of theatre as education and has created special collections for younger performers. The **MTI Broadway Junior Collection®** includes "JR." titles, 60-minute musicals for performance by middle school children; and "KIDS" titles, 30-minute musicals for performance by elementary school children. **MTI School Editions™** are musicals that have been annotated for performance by high school students, and the **Theatre For Young Audiences (TYA) Collection** are 70-minute musicals designed for adults to perform for children.



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