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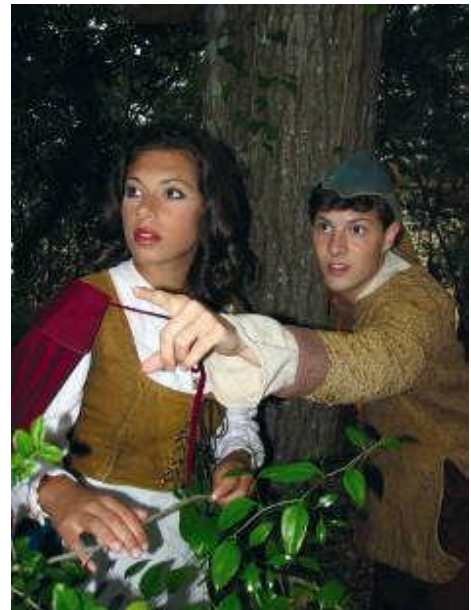
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Final Performance of Award-Winning Musical at Waterside Theatre

Photo Cutline: Lia Sumerano, Little Red Riding Hood, and James McBride, Jack, search the forest in *The Lost Colony's* production of Stephen Sondheim's musical *Into the Woods*. Photo by J. Buford, courtesy of Roanoke Island Historical Association.

(Manteo, N.C., July 7, 2008) – This Sunday is your last chance to journey into the enchanted forest with Little Red, Prince Charming, Rapunzel, Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, and other fairy tale characters as their lives intertwine in Stephen Sondheim's Tony award-winning musical *Into the Woods*. The musical's final performance is on July 13 at 8:15 p.m. in Manteo on Roanoke Island.

In this musical, your favorite Brother's Grimm characters quest to find their wishes in a magical musical forest where their stories, like Jack's beanstalk, twist and tangle: Cinderella wishes to go to the ball, Jack wishes his cow would give milk, the Baker and his wife wish for a child, Little Red Riding hood wants to see her grandmother, and the witch wishes to reverse a spell. While the characters journey into the forest to get their wish in Act I, they deal with the consequences of their wishes in Act II.



“This musical is an opportunity to see both *The Lost Colony* Company and waterside Theatre in a new light,” says Carl Curnutte, Executive Director and Producer. “In addition to *The Lost Colony*, audiences this summer can see *Into the Woods*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and a Broadway song and dance showcase called Reaching for the Stars.”

These ancillary productions are part of *The Lost Colony*’s Joe Layton Performance Series, named in memory of Layton, an acclaimed director of Broadway, stage and screen who directed the production for 20 years. At *The Lost Colony*, Layton conceived of a summer performance and workshop program for the cast and crew to present their multi-faceted arts and talents to the public, while honing their craft through hands-on experience.

The Lost Colony’s Director, Robert Richmond, leads this production. Richmond studied at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. At New York’s famed Aquila Theatre, he directed over 30 production including *Romeo and Juliet*, *Hamlet*, *Twelfth Night*, *The Invisible Man*, *Agamemnon*, *Othello*, *The Man Who Would Be King*, *Midsummer Night’s Dream*, *The Importance of Being Ernest*, *The Tempest*, *Wrath of Achilles*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Cyrano de Bergerac*, *Julius Caesar*, *The Iliad: Book One*, and *King Lear*. At Carnegie Hall, he directed concert engagements of Cherubini’s *Medea*, Tanyev’s *Oreseia*, and Theodorakis’ *Electra*.

Into the Woods

Into the Woods is an award-winning musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine. It premiered on Broadway in 1987. During a year dominated by *Phantom of the Opera*, the original production won several Tony Awards, including Best Score, Best Book, and Best Actress in a Musical (Joanna Gleason). The Musical has been produced many time, and was recently seen on Broadway in a 2002 revival.

The musical was inspired by Bruno Bettelheim’s 1976 book, *The Uses of Enchantment*. It intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm tales as they explore the consequences of their wishes and quests. The main characters come from the stories of Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, and Rapunzel and

are tied together by an original story including a Baker and his wife who desire to start a family. Other known tales are referenced as well.

Purchase your tickets early to receive a special discount. Advance tickets at \$15 for a producer's circle seats and \$10 for general admission. Performance day tickets at \$20 for producer's circle seats and \$15 for general admission. Advance ticket reservations are highly recommended. For ticket information, call (252) 473-3414.

About *The Lost Colony*

The Lost Colony's 71st season opens May 30th and plays nightly, except Saturday, through August 20, 2008, at Manteo's Waterside Theatre, on North Carolina's Outer Banks. For tickets and information, go to www.thelostcolony.org or call (252) 473-2127 (September through April).

Additionally, the company is presenting an impressive line-up of special performances: *Sleeping Beauty*, a classic fairy tale brought to life by *The Lost Colony* Children's Theatre (Tuesdays/Thursdays, June 19 - Aug. 14); *Tea with the Queen*, a unique opportunity to meet Her Majesty (Thursdays, June 26- Aug. 14); a Sunday Broadway Series: *Into the Woods* (June 29 & July 13), and *A Funny Thing Happen on the Way to the Forum* (Aug. 3 & Aug. 10); and a Broadway song and dance spectacular—*Reaching for the Stars* (Aug. 16th). Tickets for all performances are on sale at the box office. Some productions even feature discounts on tickets purchased in advance of the performance date. For details call 252-473-2127, or visit www.thelostcolony.org.

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