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Students are the Stars in Highwood Theatre's Summer
productions of

The Robber Bridegroom,
The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940,
& Into the Woods

as part of Highwood's 14th summer season

Twelve Performances:

July 21st at 8 p.m.; July 22nd at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.; July 23rd at 2 p.m.
July 28th at 8 p.m.; July 29th at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.; July 30 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.;
August 4th at 8 p.m. and August 5th at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
at The Highwood Theatre in downtown Silver Spring

Over three consecutive weekends, The Highwood Theatre will round out their 14th season with the opening of three productions, a play and two musicals, under the theme of City Dreams: *The Robber Bridegroom*, *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, and *Into the Woods*.

The Robber Bridegroom, directed by Highwood Artistic Director Matthew Nicola, and *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, directed by Teaching Artist Julia Capizzi, are the end products of Highwood's annual Musical Theatre and Acting Intensive day camps respectively. Open to 7th through 12th graders,

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both productions will be fully staged in under two weeks. While the two shows themselves are wildly different, their unique characters will captivate audiences from start to finish. *The Robber Bridegroom*, based on a novella by Eudora Welty with a book and lyrics by Alfred Uhry and music by Robert Waldman, is an immersive bluegrass Southern fairytale tracing the legend of Jamie Lockhart, whose double-identity leads to hilarity and unexpected romance. Meanwhile *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* by John Bishop is a comedic romp surrounding the identity of the “Stage Door Slasher”, who mysteriously murders three chorus girls at the start of a backer’s audition.

Into the Woods, a twist on classic Grimm fairy tales, allows fictional worlds to collide into one epic adventure and examines the consequences of our actions. With a book by James Lapine and music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, the musical is part of Highwood’s Mainstage Season of student-produced shows and will feature a cast of 23 students and a full band grades 3 to 12. Highwood’s complete 2017-2018 season will be announced at the final performance of *Into the Woods*, in keeping with Highwood tradition.

“As the director of the show, *Into the Woods* has been easily one of the most rewarding and thrilling projects that I’ve ever taken on. The complexity and intricacy of the show bring a certain level of excitement that isn’t easily replicated,” says Kaufman, Executive Assistant at Highwood Theatre and student director of *Into the Woods*.

The Robber Bridegroom performances will take place on Friday July 21 at 8 p.m., Saturday July 22 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday July 23 at 2 p.m. *Into the Woods* performances will take place Friday July 28 at 8 p.m., Saturday July 29 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday July 30 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* performances will take place Friday August 4 at 8 p.m. and Saturday August 5 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17 for *The Robber Bridegroom* and *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, and \$20 for *Into the Woods*. A package deal of \$45 for all three shows is available. All shows will take place at the Highwood Theatre, 914 Silver Spring Ave, Silver Spring MD 20910. Tickets may be purchased online at www.thehighwoodtheatre.org/tickets or through the box office, which can be reached at reservations@thehighwoodtheatre.org, at 301-587-0697 or by visiting the box office during regular business hours.

About The Highwood Theatre

The Highwood Theatre is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the community together through theatre. Now in its 14th Season, Highwood’s guiding principle is “anyone can do theatre.” Highwood was founded in 2004 and began executing its mission through seasons of professional quality theatre featuring all-student casts, design teams, and production staff. In 2013, in conjunction with its relocation to the heart of downtown Silver Spring, The Highwood Theatre expanded to carry out its mission more fully and

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develop innovative, engaging programming for artists of all ages through professional and student productions, classes, and programs in schools and for home schooled students.

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