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Madeline's Christmas returns to Horizon Theatre, Dec. 7 – 31

Little Five Points theatre continues beloved holiday tradition with family-favorite performance

ATLANTA (Nov. 24, 2024) – *Madeline's Christmas* returns to Horizon Theatre for its 14th enchanting season from **Dec. 7 – 31, 2024!** A cherished holiday tradition, this joyful musical adaptation of Ludwig Bemelmans' beloved children's book is produced by Horizon Theatre in collaboration with Atlanta Children's Theatre. Featuring **24 talented local girls** (8-13 years old) from all over Metro Atlanta performing alongside professional actors on a beautiful set, this magical production promises to delight both children and adults.

"It's such a treat to once again bring back *Madeline's Christmas*— a heartwarming show that has brought joy to countless families for many years now," says Horizon's Co-Artistic/Producing Director **Lisa Adler**. "Our intimate 160-seat theatre brings children and adults close to the action. And the audience is invited to meet the cast, take photos and get autographs after every show. We're grateful that so many in our community have made the show a beloved holiday tradition."

Over the past 14 seasons, more than **330 local girls** have fulfilled their dreams of performing with a professional theatre company. This year's cast includes students from **4 metro Atlanta counties** and **more than 25 schools**, highlighting the diverse talent across the region.

Based on one of the most popular children's books of all time, this musical play follows Madeline and friends on a holiday adventure unlike any other. After a trip to the zoo on a December day, "achoo" echoes in the halls of "the old house in Paris." All but Madeline have caught the flu! Will the girls be able to go home for Christmas? It's Madeline to the rescue! With the help of a mysterious stranger, **the "twelve little girls in two straight lines" end up with a magical and memorable holiday beyond their wildest dreams! A holiday treat for the whole family.**

***Madeline's Christmas* will run Dec. 7 – 31.** Performances are weekends at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. with additional 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on select dates. Weekday performances will take place Dec. 19 – 20 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Dec. 23, 26 – 27, 30 – 31 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. School day matinees will be at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 11 and 12. Tickets are \$15 for youth (ages 21 and under) and \$20 for adults. For School day matinees, tickets are \$10 for school and home school groups. The play is 70-minutes long and appropriate for ages 3 and up. Concessions and Madeline Merchandise are available at the show. Purchases of \$10 Star Wands benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Tickets and information are available at horizontheatre.com or 404-584-7450.

PROFESSIONAL CAST

Harsha Connor Kocks, Nathan Kiliany
Miss Clavel Ciara Pyszczynski, Courtney Locke
Mrs. Murphy Kymberli Green

ARE MADELINE AND HER FRIENDS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Atlanta, Fulton County

Adele Chastain, 4th Grade at Virginia Highland Elementary
Amelia Williams, 5th Grade at St Mary's Academy
Beatrice Choi, 4th Grade at Moonrise Home School
Ellie Hegeman, 6th Grade at The Galloway School
Harper Byrd, 6th Grade at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School
Hattie McSherry, 3rd Grade at Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School
Hazel Yu, 5th Grade at Benteen Elementary
Lucy Long, 5th Grade at E. Rivers Elementary School
Penelope Bayalis, 5th Grade at Burgess Peterson Elementary
Railey Maxwell, 4th Grade at Resurgence Hall State Charter School
Skylar Palakshappa, 7th Grade at Woodward Academy

Dekalb County

Anari Vasser, 5th Grade at Dekalb Arts Academy
Brooklynn Long, 5th Grade at Toomer Elementary
Joi Jackson, 4th Grade at Princeton Elementary
Jubilee Garrant, 4th Grade at Wadsworth Magnet Elementary
Louisa Kometer, 5th Grade at Homeschool in Candler Park
Maefaire Rogovin, 7th Grade at The Paideia School
Maya Fredrick, 4th Grade at Brookhaven Innovation Academy
Megan Morris, 7th Grade at Waldorf School
Savannah Irby (understudy), 5th Grade at The Museum School of Avondale Estates
Selma Hedin, 3rd Grade at Mary Lin Elementary
Vivian Walker, 5th Grade at The GLOBE Academy

Gwinnett County

Dawson Hutchens, 6th Grade at Pinckeyville Middle School
Nalani Cook, 5th Grade at Head Elementary School

Cobb County

Gabrielle Wood, 9th Grade at Pebblebrook High School

PROFESSIONAL CREATIVE TEAM

Based on the book *Madeline's Christmas* by Ludwig Bemelmans

Book and lyrics	Jennifer Kirkeby
Music	Shirley Mier
Director	Spring Mason, Atlanta Children's Theatre
Musical Director	Joshua Martinez
Choreographer	Estef Martin
Asst Choreographer	Michelle Stover
Scenic and Puppet Designers	Isabel & Moriah Curley-Clay
Lighting Designer	Shelby Ashley
Costume Coordinator	Abby Bowers
Sound Designer	Whitney Leonard
Projection Designer	Victoria Nation

Stage Managers Ann Richmond
Asst. Stage Manager/Mouse Eden Mew

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Performances of *Madeline's Christmas* will run Dec. 7 – 31, 2024.

WEEKEND PERFORMANCES – Dec. 7 – 29

Saturdays and Sundays, at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Additional showings on Dec. 14, Dec. 15 and Dec. 21 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Additional showings on Dec. 22 and Sat. Dec. 28 at 7 p.m.

WEEKDAY PERFORMANCES – Dec 19 – 31

Dec. 19 – 20 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Dec. 23, 26 – 27, 30 – 31 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

SCHOOL DAY MATINEES - Dec 11-12

Wednesday and Thursday Dec. 11 – 12 at 10:30 a.m.

TICKETING INFORMATION

General admission tickets for *Madeline's Christmas* are \$15 for youth (21 and under) and \$20 for adults. Madeline Club Sponsors (\$250-\$1,000) receive VIP tickets that include reserved seats, concessions and Madeline toys/books. Tickets may be ordered by phone at 404-584-7450 or online at horizontheatre.com. Ticket prices are subject to change. Sales tax added to all orders. Internet convenience fee added to all online orders. No refunds, exchanges or late seating.

GROUP RATES

For select performances, special deals are available for school groups, Girl Scout Troops, and Boy Scout Troops. Contact boxoffice@horizontheatre.com or 404-523-1477 for more information.

PRESS PHOTOS

Photos are available for download at <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBSiyr>

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