

Theatre In The Park

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Romeo and Juliet Sold Out at Theatre In The Park

The Triangle Community Excited to See the Wood Family Perform Together Onstage

Raleigh, N.C., April 13, 2009 – Theatre In The Park is pleased to announce that tickets have sold out for the limited benefit performance run of Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*. The show opens Friday, May 15th.

Raleigh and its theatre lovers will experience the first reunion of the Wood family on stage in over a decade. Evan Rachel Wood, Hollywood actress, as Juliet, will join her father, Ira David Wood III and brother, Ira David Wood IV on stage for this special production. Her brother Ira will also be debuting as director.

Theatre In The Park is also pleased to announce the addition of Kyle Perren, a native North Carolinian from Oxford, as Romeo. “My first experience working with Theatre In The Park and Ira David Wood III, in *The Man from Stratford* was such an amazing experience, I jumped at the opportunity to work with David again, alongside Ira and Evan,” said Perren.

Justin Long was previously cast as Romeo, however, due to unexpected scheduling conflicts for the premiere of his new film, “*Drag Me to Hell*,” Justin will not be able to join the Wood family onstage.

“We are excited for Justin’s new movie and expect it to be a blockbuster film. Unfortunately, the new May 14th premiere date conflicts with his availability to perform during the *Romeo and Juliet* scheduled performances,” said Ira David Wood III, Artistic and Executive Director, Theatre In The Park. “We are so pleased the public has responded with such overwhelming support of our fundraising efforts. Evan and Ira came up with the benefit performance idea as a way to give back to the theatre where they both started their acting careers. Ira has assembled an outstanding cast and we look forward to giving our patrons a hometown weekend to remember,” said Wood.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit www.theatreinthepark.com or call (919) 831-6058

About Theatre In The Park Theatre In The Park, currently celebrating its 61st season, is located in the northern end of Raleigh's scenic Pullen Park adjacent to North Carolina State University. The theatre is acclaimed for its many outstanding theatrical achievements. Each season Theatre In The Park presents an exceptional series of productions including the very best in comedy, original musicals, Shakespeare, and contemporary drama. Theatre In The Park is North Carolina's largest non-profit performing Arts organizations and is second in the region only to the celebrated Actor's Theatre of Louisville in original works premiered. Theatre In The Park truly offers something for everyone.

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