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Storybook Theatre's Little Red Riding Hood Offers Old-fashioned Fun for the Family

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Now playing at Theatre West, Storybook Theatre's award-winning musical *Little Red Riding Hood* is loosely based on the infamous fairytale with a naïve Little Red (Caitlin Gallogly) set amidst an absurd cast of characters that bear little resemblance to those in the original story.



Suitable for children 3 to 9 years of age, Storybook's Theatre's comical retelling of *Little Red Riding Hood* features an unreliable narrator (Barbara Mallory) who can't keep her facts straight and an unintimidating wolf (Charlie Mount) whose ridiculous suit comes complete with suspenders and a squeaky black nose.

While the play's comically drawn characters prompt more than just a few laughs, its success is rooted in its incorporation of audience participation. From the musical's onset, viewers are moved to join in and have fun. In addition to a handful of tunes that are easy to follow, *Little Red Riding Hood* offers numerous opportunities for volunteers to climb up on stage and help Little Red get through the forest and out of harm's way.

Given his background in stand-up comedy, Charlie Mount's humorous performance as the Wolf isn't surprising. Caitlin Gallogly, who plays Little Red, is as adorable as she is talented. Kathy Garrick, who plays Granny, has been involved in several of Storybook Theatre's productions, Last but not least is Matthew Hoffman who plays the Woodcutter. Cast as the hero of *Little Red Riding Hood*, Hoffman pulls off his part with a display of bravado that earns him a few final laughs as the production comes to a close.

Theatre West is located at 3333 Cahuenga Boulevard West, directly adjacent to Universal City. *Little Red Riding Hood* is scheduled to run through March 7, 2015. Tickets for Saturday matinees can be purchased at the theater or in advance at www.theatrewest.org. All shows start at 1 pm. Please note that the theater will be closed on December 27th. Ticket costs are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children. Free parking is available in the lot located directly across the street from the theater. For party reservations or to inquire about school field trips, please call (818) 761-2203.