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Meredith Willson's THE MUSIC MAN JR.
May 15, 16 at 7:30PM and May 17 at 2:00PM

(Eustis, FL)... Meredith Willson's *The Music Man Jr.* will open May 15, 2009 and play for three performances at the historic State Theatre in downtown Eustis closing May 17. *The Music Man Jr.* is presented by Bay Street Players' Young Peoples Theatre – the longest continuously running children's theatre program in Central Florida.

The Music Man Jr. with book, music and lyrics by **Meredith Willson**, is the culmination of the *Take the Stage* performance class with students who were enrolled in the Youth Theatre program during the school year. The cast includes youth performers from ages 4 to 18 years.

The musical production is directed by **Jennifer Bonner**. Besides filling the role as drama teacher at Eastridge High School, Ms. Bonner is a Central Florida actor who was last seen performing the role of Meg in the Bay Street Players production of *A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS*. The production team includes: Set Design – **David Clevinger**, lighting design by **William Dumas**, choreography by Jennifer Bonner and **Maria Errico**, costume design by **Kelly Bayne**, and **Hillary Drew** as production and stage manager.

Bay Street Players' Youth production of Meredith Willson's classic musical, *The Music Man Jr.*, follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa into buying instruments and uniforms for a band he vows to organize – this despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall. Favorite songs from this classic favorite include *Gary Indiana*, *Till There Was You*, *Seventy-Six Trombones*, *Ya Got Trouble* (in River City), and *Shipooopi*.

The Music Man Jr. performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 PM and Sunday at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Call the Box Office at 352.357.7777 or visit www.baystreetplayers.org to purchase tickets online. The Box Office is located at the historic State Theatre, 109 N. Bay Street, Eustis and is open from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 11:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The Music Man Jr. is sponsored in part by United Arts of Central Florida.

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