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## **PROFESSIONALS JOIN STARSTRUCK THEATRE'S *PETER PAN*; TAKE SHOW TO A NEW LEVEL**

FREMONT, CA – StarStruck Theatre takes its award-winning productions to new heights with *Peter Pan* -- literally! Las Vegas-based ZFX Flying joins the StarStruck artistic team as Peter Pan, Tinkerbell, and the Darling children soar to the sky at Ohlone College Smith Center this January.

StarStruck's musicals have impressed local audiences for over 10 years. With this new production, StarStruck is pulling out all the stops. Hold your breath as Peter and the Darling children fly off to Neverland. Be enchanted by the music of a 14-piece orchestra and be transposed to another magical world with the scenery by highly acclaimed professional Scenic Designer Andrea Bechert and Scenic Artist Stephan Wathen.

The cast features 50 of the Bay Area's most talented young performers, guided vocally by Nancy Godfrey -- a surgeon by day and a genius of a musical director by night! Her own daughter, Juliane Godfrey, plays the starring role of Peter Pan. Juliane was recently seen as the Cat in the Hat in StarStruck's *Seussical*, where her charming antics and impeccable acting captivated audiences.

Nancy and Juliane are joined by two other sets of parent-child performers. Bay Area veteran actor Ray Joseph (Captain Hook) is acting with his two daughters Amy Mendonca (Liza) and M.C. Mendonca (Lost Boy). And Julie Aragon (flutist) will be accompanying her son Jordan Aragon (Smee), who played Toad in last year's delightful production of *A Year with Frog and Toad*.

It's been quite a year for StarStruck Theatre. Our 2005 production of *Anything Goes* received Wave magazine's 2006 Silicon Valley SMALL Theatre award for "Standout Family/Youth Production." And Lori A. Stokes, Founder and Artistic Director, received the 2006 Alameda County Arts Leadership Award for her dedication and leadership in the arts community.

ZFX Flying Inc. combines unique aerial choreography and state of the art flying equipment to conjure up awe-aspiring special effects. Their services have included flying monkeys for *Wicked*, witches from the production of *Wizard of Oz*, and Cathy Rigby's flying in *Peter Pan*.

Scenic Designer Andrea Bechert has designed scenery for theatre and opera across the country and especially in the San Francisco Bay Area. Andrea has been recognized for her excellence in design with such awards as the Elly and Arty Awards.

StarStruck Theatre and Artistic Director Lori Stokes will once again amaze us with their own magic touch—watch out for the pixie dust!

We invite you to share in this magical new production. *Peter Pan* showtimes are January 12, 13, 20, 26, 27 at 7:30 pm and January 14, 21, 28 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20/adults, \$18/students and seniors, \$15/children and can be purchased online at [www.starstrucktheatre.org](http://www.starstrucktheatre.org) or by calling the StarStruck box office (510) 659-1319 or Ohlone Box Office (510) 659-6031.

We encourage the media to attend a technical rehearsal the week of January 7. You might even have the opportunity to fly with Peter Pan! To arrange this, contact Alicia Jones at (510) 499-9873 or [mexmah34@yahoo.com](mailto:mexmah34@yahoo.com). For more information about StarStruck Theatre and *Peter Pan*, visit [www.starstrucktheatre.org](http://www.starstrucktheatre.org).