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**NORTHWEST YOUTH THEATRE**  
**HAS THE ANSWER TO THOSE WHO MIGHT THINK**  
**'IF I WERE A RICH MAN...'**  
**I'D GO TO BROADWAY TO SEE 'FIDDLER ON THE ROOF'**

**HILLSBORO, OR** – Students at Northwest Youth Theatre are embracing “tradition” with their production of *Fiddler on the Roof JR.*, it was announced today by Freddie Gershon, CEO of Music Theatre International (MTI). The show featuring 45 Students, ages 6-16, premieres on March 23, 2017.

“From the first rehearsal the students from Northwest Youth Theatre have explored how *Fiddler on the Roof JR.* touches on life in Pre-Revolutionary Russia. They are examining important issues such as tradition, tolerance and faith, all of which remain extremely relevant today,” says Karli Winters, director. “We have loved watching these kids really absorb the themes and create some beautiful and touching moments, as well as incredibly funny scenes.”

Northwest Youth Theatre will present *Fiddler on the Roof JR.* on March 23-25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm with a matinee performance on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. All performances take place at Hillsboro High School (3285 SE Rood Bridge Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123). Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students/seniors presale (\$16/\$14 at the door) and are available at [www.NWYouthTheatre.org](http://www.NWYouthTheatre.org). For more information on the show please call 503-941-0228. A portion of proceeds go to Hillsboro High School’s Drama Department.

*Fiddler on the Roof JR.* is a student version of the musical *Fiddler on the Roof* which features music by Jerry Bock, a book by Joseph Stein and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and is based on Sholem Aleichem's stories by special permission of Arnold Per. Recognized as one of great American musicals, the original *Fiddler on the Roof* won the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, nine Tony awards and a special Tony in 1972 for its unique contribution to Broadway.

The musical tells the story of a poor dairyman, Tevye, who in the little village of Anatevka, tries to instill in his five daughters the traditions of his tightly knit Jewish community in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. The traditions of his ancestors are shattered as his daughters assert their independence and government troops brutally force Tevye and his fellow villagers from their homes. The curtain falls on Tevye’s uplifting determination to create another life in the New World.

*Fiddler on the Roof JR.* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684 [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com).

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Ashley Bittleston as Golde, and  
Eric Poole as Tevye



Eric Poole as Tevye



Mylie Winters as Chava, and  
Luca Virjo as Tevye



Elizabeth Poole as Fruma Sarah  
and Luca Virjo as Tevye



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