



*Youth Musical Theater Company*

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## YMTC TO PRESENT SONDHEIM MUSICAL *INTO THE WOODS*

*Berkeley, California, October 1, 2016* – Who really killed the Big Bad Wolf and freed Little Red Riding Hood? Is it true that Cinderella and her prince lived happily ever after? Does “happily ever after” even exist? Find out when YMTC (Youth Musical Theater Company) presents *Into the Woods*, November 11–19, 2016, at the El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theater.

Everyone's favorite storybook characters come to life in this epic musical fairytale by James Lapine (book) and Stephen Sondheim (music and lyrics). The plots of each story entwine, and the characters interact. All of them wish for something: the baker and his wife for a child, Cinderella to go to the king's festival, and Jack for his cow to give milk. But, as they venture into the woods to find their wishes granted, they learn that what they wished is more than they bargained for.

A treat for the whole family, *Into the Woods* overflows with dazzling vocals, including “Children Will Listen,” “No One Is Alone,” and “Agony.” As in all YMTC productions, a live, full orchestra supports the performers. This production features a cast of 22 talented and dedicated performing arts students (grades 7–12) from cities including Berkeley, Albany, Oakland, Orinda and Lafayette, mentored by professional directors, designers, and musicians. The production is directed by Jennifer Boesing, with musical direction by David Möschler.

Performances run for two weekends at El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theater (540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito): Friday, November 11 through Sunday, November 13, and Thursday, November 17 through Saturday, November 19. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances are at 7:00 p.m. The Sunday performance is at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available online at [www.ymtcbayarea.org](http://www.ymtcbayarea.org) or at the door one hour before curtain. Ticket prices are \$15–28, with discounts for youth, seniors, military, and groups.

### ABOUT YMTC

YMTC is dedicated to providing exceptional training to young theater artists through the production of exceptional musical theater. The organization brings together the Bay Area's most talented and dedicated young singer/actors—as well as students of technical theater—with professional directors, designers, and musicians. They take on challenging, sophisticated musical and dramatic themes, and productions are always accompanied by a full, live orchestra.



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### CALENDAR LISTING

#### ***YMTC Presents Stephen Sondheim's musical INTO THE WOODS***

Sondheim's beloved musical retelling of classic fairy tales cautions: Be careful what you wish for; wishes come true but are not free.

**Show Run:** November 11–19, 2016

**Opens:** Friday, November 11, 7:00 p.m.

**Performances:**

Fridays 11/11, 11/18, 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays 11/12, 11/19, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday matinee 11/13, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday 11/17, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theater, 540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito

**Ticket Prices:** General Admission: \$15-28. Student, senior, group, and military discounts available. Purchase at [www.ymtcbayarea.org](http://www.ymtcbayarea.org) or at the door 1 hour prior to performance.

**Information:** 510-595-5514