



The Beaufort Children's Theatre brings 'Disney's My Son Pinocchio, Jr.' to the USCB stage.

In *Disney's My Son Pinocchio, Jr.*, the classic tale of toymaker Geppetto's little wooden puppet is given new life. The Beaufort Children's Theatre will bring this story to the stage in its upcoming production on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 6 at 3:00 p.m. at the University of South Carolina Beaufort Center for the Arts.

This musical, which retells the classic Disney story from Geppetto's perspective, features the beloved classic songs "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "I've Got No Strings," alongside a host of new songs by Oscar and Grammy Award-winner and master melodist Stephen Schwartz, tackling timely issues about what it means to be "the perfect child" – and what it means to be "a real father."

Join the Blue Fairy (Destinye Stromer), Stromboli (Keaton Mykleby), and a lively cast of characters as Geppetto (Dan Brown) journeys beyond the toy shop to discover the meaning of family. Disney's *My Son Pinocchio, Jr.* is a magical mix of a fairy tale delight and action-packed adventure. Audiences will love following Pinocchio's (Zach Hobbs) journey from an awkward wooden puppet to a real live boy and will be charmed by Geppetto's transformation from

demanding creator to real live father.

"This show is a true classic filled with wonderful music and a heart-warming story," said Bonnie Hargrove, Director of the Beaufort Children's Theatre. "It is a perfect show to bring the whole family to enjoy – with lots of comedic twists along the way."

Disney's My Son Pinocchio, Jr. is an hour-long performance with more than 70 local auditioned actors ranging from age 7-18. The Beaufort Children's Theatre leadership includes Bonnie Hargrove, Director; Jim Riley, Music Director; Valerie Hobbs, Choreographer and the involvement from parents and generous community members.

Tickets are available online at www.uscbcenterforthearts.com – where audience members can select specific theater seats ranging from \$15-\$25 for adults and \$10-\$15 for children. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the Box Office at 843-521-4145. The performance will be at the USCB Center for the Arts at 805 Carteret Street in downtown Beaufort.