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IF YOU GIVE A PIG A PARTY

By Laura Numeroff

Illustrated by Felicia Bond

Adapted for the stage by Nancy Schaeffer

Music and Lyrics by B. Wolf

(Orange, TX) - Lutcher Theater is proud to present Dallas Children's Theater in their original production of *If You Give A Pig A Party*, the irresistible adventures of a darling pig and her loveable friends on Monday, October 1 at 9:30am and 11:30am in Orange.

Celebration reigns supreme in this delightful script of another of Laura Numeroff's extremely popular books from the #1 *New York Times* best-selling "If You Give" series. DCT fans will remember the past production of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, and this autumn the Mouse returns for the fun in *If You Give A Pig A Party*. Settings leap from the page to the stage and are true to Felicia Bond's wonderful illustrations. With live musical accompaniment and outrageous physical comedy, audiences are in for a compelling theatrical experience. Director Nancy Schaeffer states, "If you fell in love with the Mouse, this show will be a treat for you. It's very unique for an author to bring lead characters together in a new story. DCT's best-selling *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* was so popular partly due to pre-teens and adolescents that grew up with the Mouse and couldn't wait to see him on stage. Any story that inspires this kind of love and devotion is a classic."

If You Give A Pig A Party is a carnival of music, festivity and friendship. When a young Girl decides to throw a party for the Pig for no special reason, it isn't long before the raucous entertainment begins. A motley group of friends are invited: Mouse, Moose, Cat, Dog and Snake. Before the party starts these curious and energetic chums soon lead the Girl on a whirlwind of events creating much more work than she originally anticipated. Will it be the best day ever for this silly bunch or a disaster in the making? Come see what happens when you mix puppets, bicycles, bumper cars, pillow fights, ballet and ice cream!

This irresistible story captures the essence of childhood wonder and generosity. As the party hostess, the Girl assumes a parental role to the Pig and all her sweet, but very demanding friends. Children and younger siblings will find similarities in how the Girl must deal with her rambunctious "children", but the payoff is worth the effort when happiness and joy end the day.

Similar to the famous children's book that inspired the play, this production is ideal for the youngest of audience members and is recommended for ages 3 and up. It is an excellent introduction to theater, as well as lively entertainment for all ages. Remember, life's a celebration hearty – if you give a pig a party!

Tickets for *If You Give A Pig A Party* are \$3.50 each. There are only a few balcony seats remaining for each performance. To purchase tickets, call 745-5535 (Golden Triangle) or 1-800-828-5535 (Louisiana), or stop by the box office at 707 Main, Orange, Texas.

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