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Yes! And... Collaborative Arts & Eastern University Theatre's *Winter Sort of Thing* presents:

All Hands on Deck

January 26 – 29, 2012

Hi-jinx on the high seas with imaginary friends, pirates, and more swash-buckling fun than you can shake a canoe at!

RADNOR, PA - In a world... where Imaginary Friends are real, Pirates are tricksters and Canoe-Dancing is a fine art, this year's Winter Sort of Thing, All Hands on Deck, answers one of the great mysteries of the universe: Why are bananas SO darn funny? Join Yes! And... Collaborative Arts & Eastern University Theatre as we present our FIFTH annual Winter Sort of Thing, All Hands on Deck.

The wily Captain Papadopoulos has an important job to do, and not enough time, resources or minions to get it all done. When you are in charge of mishaps and mayhem for the entire world, every tripping up the stairs, spilled milk or misplaced car keys, you have a lot on your plate. (There are six billion of us after all.) The Captain is on the lookout for a new crew of tricksters, and of course she is not above a little trickery herself to acquire some accomplices. ***All Hands on Deck*** answers one of the great mysteries of the universe: What happens when hi-jinx and high stakes hilarity collide with the cunning genius of the great captain of hoax?

Lights up on two of our most favorite childhood themes: pirates and imaginary friends for this year's Winter Sort of Thing. ***All Hands on Deck*** is written by **Brooke Sexton** and assisted by the children in Yes! And... Collaborative Arts' programming. Germantown resident and composer **Sarah C. Butts-Manzo**, has written six new songs as this show maintains the Winter Sort of Thing's high level of artistry while

reflecting the joyful and fun loving storytelling audiences have come to expect. ***All Hands on Deck*** challenges adults and kids alike to value the magic of imagination and importance of friendship.

All Hands on Deck runs one weekend only, opening on January 26 and closing January 29. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for kids and seniors and \$5 for students and are available to reserve at the box office at 215-951-0330 x2117 or on-line at www.wintersortofthing.com. The show runs approximately 60-70 minutes, is performed with an intermission and is appropriate for all ages. *[See fact sheet attached.]*

The director of ***All Hands on Deck***, **Jake Miller** is a Philadelphia based director and choreographer and a founder of Yes! And... Collaborative Arts. He has previously directed three Winter Sort of Thing shows and is joined on the creative staff by **Kevin Monaghan**, a recent graduate of Eastern University as the music director, **Mark Duska** as Technical Director/Set Design, along with **Brooke Sexton** and **Mark Hallen**, co-producers. **All Hands on Deck** stars area actors **Shannon Flannery, Meredith Sexton, Natalie Cisternas, Anna Sweeny, Julia Shields** and features **Dr. Betsy Morgan**. However, the real stars of the performance are the children and teens that participate in Yes! And... Collaborative Arts programs throughout the year. The children hail from Philadelphia neighborhoods in Kensington, Southwest, Brewerytown, Germantown and others. The Winter Sort of Thing allows them to use, refine and amplify the skills they are taught. The students also benefit from being a part of a professional production and collaborating with college students and professional actors and artists. Several high school performers were last seen at this summer's **Philadelphia Fringe Festival** performing as **SHADOW Company** with the original piece, ***Green People***.

Brooke Sexton, writer and producer of the Winter Sort of Thing and director of programming for Yes! And... Collaborative Arts has this to say about the production, "This is, by far my favorite Winter Sort of Thing. It explores themes that our kids imagined about all summer long and the songs featured will have the audience humming for weeks to come." Fittingly, audience feedback is always so positive the Winter Sort of Thing garners rave reviews from old and young alike as they leave a performance.

About Yes! And... Collaborative Arts

Yes! And... Collaborative Arts' mission is to: Equip children and young people with the tools to be better learners, to believe in themselves and to realize their dreams through the work of creating collaboratively with peers and professional artists. We work with children and youth from across Philadelphia in the collaborative and imaginative arts through Summer Theatre Camps, after school programs, SHADOW Company high school leadership and arts training, and (with Eastern University Theatre) the Winter Sort of Thing.

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Fact Sheet

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<p><u>Performance schedule:</u></p> <p>Thurs, 1/26 7pm (Opening)</p> <p>Fri, 1/27 11:30am (field trip perf.)</p> <p>Fri, 1/27 7pm</p> <p>Sat, 1/28 1pm</p> <p>Sat, 1/28 7pm</p> <p>Sun, 1/29 1pm (Closing)</p> <p>*Reviewers should feel comfortable attending any performance but should be aware that the Friday AM performance may be shortened or performed without an intermission.</p>	<p><u>Dates:</u> January 26 - 29 Opening night is January 26</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Eastern University McInnis Auditorium 1300 Eagle Rd. St. Davids, PA 19087</p> <p><u>Tickets:</u> \$10 – General \$8 – Under 12/Seniors \$5 – College ID</p> <p>Recommended for all ages. Intermission will be provided</p>
	<p><u>Public Contact Information</u></p> <p>Online reservations: Website: wintersortofthing.com Box Office Phone: 215-9510-0330 x2117</p>
	<p><u>Production Team</u></p> <p>Developed by: Yes! And... Produced by: Brooke Sexton for Yes! And... Collaborative Arts and Mark Hallen for Eastern University Theatre Directed by: Jake Miller Technical Direction by: Mark Duska for Eastern University Theatre Written by: Brooke Sexton Composed by: Sarah C. Butts-Manzo Arraigned by: Kevin Monaghan</p>