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**HARTFORD CHILDREN'S THEATRE'S
2011-2012 FAMILY MAIN STAGE SERIES BEGINS WITH**



**Based on the *New York Times* Best-Selling Children's Book
By Victoria Kann and Elizabeth Kann**

**September 23 through October 9, 2011
at Hartford Children's Theatre's Carriage House Theatre**

**Two Additional Matinee Performances Added October 8 & 9, 2011
Due to Strong Ticket Sales to Date**

Hartford, CT (September 8, 2011) - Marking the beginning of its 2011-2012 Family Main Stage Series, **Hartford Children's Theatre** (HCT) proudly announces a pink-a-riffic new production of ***Pinkalicious the Musical***, directed by HCT Artistic Director **Ryan Ratelle** and **Summar Elguindy** with musical direction by **Louise Fauteux** and choreography by **Caitlin Sailer**. Based on the 2006 *New York Times* Best-Selling Children's Book (HarperCollins), ***Pinkalicious the Musical*** opens on Friday, September 23, 2011 at Hartford Children's Theatre's Carriage House Theatre (360 Farmington Avenue, Hartford) where the show will run through Sunday, October 9, 2011. Originally scheduled to play through October 2, two additional 2 pm matinee performances have been added on Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9 due to already strong ticket sales.

Pinkalicious the Musical features music and lyrics by **John Gregor** and book and lyrics by **Elizabeth Kann** and **Victoria Kann**.

Pinkalicious can't stop eating pink cupcakes despite warnings from her parents. Her pink indulgence lands her at the doctor's office with Pinkitis, an affliction that turns her pink from head to toe — a dream come true for this pink loving enthusiast. But when her hue goes too far, only Pinkalicious can figure out a way to get out of this predicament.

HCT's ***Pinkalicious the Musical*** features an all adult cast of five including **Victoria Mooney** and **Christopher Cavallo** of West Hartford as "Pinkalicious" and her broccoli-loving little brother "Peter," **Shannon Sobolow** of Marlborough as "Mrs. Pinkerton," **Mike Bloom** of Norwalk as "Mr. Pinkerton" and Norwich resident **Anne Fowler** as "Allison" and "Dr. Wink."

Performances of ***Pinkalicious the Musical*** will take place at the Hartford Children's Theatre's Carriage House Theatre (360 Farmington Avenue, Hartford), easily accessible from I-84 and I-91. The performance schedule is as follows: Friday, September 23 at 7 pm; Saturday, September 24 at 2 pm; Sunday, September 25 at 2 pm; Friday, September 30 at 7 pm; Saturday, October 1 at 2 pm; Sunday, October 2 at 2 pm; Saturday, October 8 at 2 pm and Sunday, October 9 at 2 pm.

Tickets for HCT's ***Pinkalicious the Musical*** are \$22 for Adults, \$17 for Children (17 and under) & Senior Citizens and are available online at www.hartfordchildrenstheatre.org. For more information, please call the HCT Box Office on 860.429.7970. Discounts are available for groups of 15 or more.

Pinkalicious the Musical features Scenic Designs by **Magge Gagliardi** and **Nick D'Angelo**, Costume Designs by **Alyssa Opishinski**, Lighting Design by **Robyn Joyce** and Hair Design by **Linda Stanhope**.

For over 20 years, **Hartford Children's Theatre** has made the children of Greater Hartford our greatest priority. HCT is Connecticut's leading provider of theatrical training and quality entertainment for children and families, offering diverse programming for over 7,000 children and families from the Hartford area and beyond. We achieve our educational and artistic goals through a variety of well-established programs for children ages 2 through 18 including: award-winning Family Main Stage productions, year-round drama school programming and a dramatic arts community outreach program.

Hartford Children's Theatre's commitment to excellence has been honored by the American Alliance for Theatre and Education with a prestigious Winifred Ward Award, the New England Theatre Conference's Moss Hart Award and two 2010-2011 National Youth Theatre Awards and an additional three nominations. Executive Director **Michael R. Kintner**, Artistic Director **Ryan Ratelle** and Education Director **Lisa Foss** helm the organization now entering its 21st year.

Pinkalicious the Musical is sponsored in part by funding received from the **Greater Hartford Arts Council**, **The Hartford Travelers**, **The Ellen Jeanne Goldfarb Memorial Charitable Trust** and the **Hartford Foundation for Public Giving**.

For more information, please call 860.249.7970 or visit us online at:
www.hartfordchildrenstheatre.org.

HCT FAMILY FUN DAYS – DATES & INFORMATION

THINK PINK(alicious) PARTY!

Sunday, September 25 at 12:30 pm

Calling all Pinkerbelles and Pinkerellas! If you have a sweet tooth and love the color pink, then HCT's *Pinkalicious* party is closer than you think! Join *Pinkalicious* and her friends at a pinkariffic pre-show party with yummy treats, fun activities and photo opportunities with the cast. Admission is \$8.

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