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Chameleon's Community Theatre

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The Chameleon Theatre Circle brings its first production to the Lakeville Area Arts Center

Burnsville, Minn—February 2006—The award winning Chameleon Theatre Circle brings its first production to the Lakeville Area Arts Center. *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* promises to be one of their best. The winner of three state competitions and 24 awards, Chameleon is widely recognized as one of the best community theatres in the country. Their production opens March 24 and will run for three weekends.

Tom Barnard of the Lakeville Area Arts Center stated: “We are happy to form this partnership with The Chameleon Theatre Circle. We hope this cooperative effort will add even more variety to the performing arts program series at the Lakeville Area Arts Center.” Barnard goes on to say, “we are looking forward to this opportunity to cooperate on providing a well-known musical with great family appeal in our community.”

The Director of *Joseph*, Brad Donaldson states: “The Lakeville Area Arts Center is a beautiful theatre. We will be making creative use of the space by adding additional stage platforms to bring a unique feel to our production. Also, the staff of the Center has been a great team with which to creatively collaborate. It has been an honor and privilege to work on a show of this magnitude with such a passionate and talented group of individuals.”

Donaldson, of Minneapolis, received his B.A. in theatre from the University of Minnesota. He has directed numerous shows including *The Boys Next Door*, *Into The Woods* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and has appeared in over 20 productions including *GlenGarry Glen Ross*, *Macbeth*, *Assassins* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Donaldson is the Vice-President and one of the founding Board members of The Chameleon Theatre Circle, and also is the Vice-President of the Minnesota Association of Community Theatres.

The cast members of the show all come from the local area. The Narrator is played by Kim Kivens, of Savage, and Ben Brandt of Burnsville plays Joseph. Over 20 members of the cast, crew and orchestra live South of the Minnesota River.

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A full cast list with their city of residence is available on request, along with photographs of the cast in rehearsal.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will perform at the Lakeville Area Arts Center on the following dates/times:

First Weekend: Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Second Weekend: Friday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Third Weekend: Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets are now available for purchase through the Lakeville Area Arts Center. To purchase tickets by phone, please call 952-985-4640 during weekday business hours

Incorporated on January 8, 1998, The Chameleon Theatre Circle (TC2) continues to succeed in accomplishing the company's mission of providing an engaging and complete experience to their audience through growth and development of all participants in a nurturing and unified environment. Now in their eighth season, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* will be Chameleon's forty-seventh production. In addition to known plays and musicals, Chameleon supports developing playwrights with its *New Play Festival*, now in its seventh year. The company has produced eight world premieres, including *Death Penalty Puppetry*, an original play written by the company, and a collection of seven plays written by seven playwrights performed in one production. Chameleon's production of *Hair* was also featured on PBS. The Chameleon Theatre Circle has been a strong participant in MACT*Fest over the years, winning "Best in Show" in three out of four appearances, with two productions moving on to compete in the national AACT*Fest. In all, the company has won twenty-four awards in theatre festivals.

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