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## JOIN GOODSPEED'S KIDS COMPANY!

GOODSPEED'S SUMMER CAMP FOR LOCAL BOYS AND GIRLS

CAMPERS WILL BE PART OF THE OLIVER! ENSEMBLE—

Auditions This November for The 2018 Goodspeed Kids Company

EAST HADDAM, CONN., OCTOBER 11, 2018: Does your child dream of seeing their name in lights? Then they should spend the summer with Goodspeed Musicals! Aspiring non-Equity child performers (ages 8-13) are invited to audition for summer camp with Goodspeed Kids Company 2018, a one-of-a-kind summer musical theatre camp experience that gives young male and female performers the chance to also join the ensemble for our production of Lionel Bart's Oliver!, based on Charles Dickens' novel Oliver Twist.

For the tuition fee, campers will receive top-notch musical theatre training, participate in exciting summer camp activities, and have unparalleled performance opportunities alongside professional actors on The Goodspeed stage! Additionally, select campers may be chosen to understudy a lead role. Auditions for Goodspeed's Kids Company will be Saturday, November 11, 2017, at the Alice Hammerstein Mathias Rehearsal Studio in East Haddam, Conn.

All auditions are by appointment only. Please call Company Management at 860.873.0021, Monday through Friday, 10 am - 5 pm.

Interested campers should prepare one short up-tempo song and one short ballad. Bring a resume, photo, and sheet music. Music must be legible and in the proper key (no lead sheets, please). An accompanist will be provided.

Campers must be available for camp, rehearsals, and performances June 4 – September 9, 2018. All activities occur in East Haddam, Conn.

Goodspeed reaffirms its commitment to non-discrimination and a flexible, imaginative casting policy. Performers of all ethnicities are strongly encouraged to audition.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Michael Gennaro, Goodspeed Musicals is dedicated to the preservation, development and advancement of musical theatre and is the first theatre in the nation to receive two Tony Awards (for outstanding achievement). Goodspeed produces three musicals each season at The Goodspeed in East Haddam, Conn., and additional productions at The Terris Theatre in Chester, Conn., which was opened in 1984 for the development of new musicals. Goodspeed also maintains The Scherer Library of Musical Theatre and The Max Showalter Center for Education in Musical Theatre. Goodspeed gratefully acknowledges the support of United Airlines, the official airline of Goodspeed Musicals; the official audio sponsor Sennheiser; and official auto sponsor Hoffman Audi. Goodspeed is also grateful for the support of the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts.

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