



# Aladdin shines at Parsons Centre

Young Rivertime Players will present second showing Friday, April 1 at 7 p.m.

Set against a backdrop hand painted by local artisan Hugh L. Pugh, the stage at the Parsons Municipal Building was transformed Friday night into the streets of Arabia.

The room was filled to capacity and all were anxious to be entertained by the Young Rivertime Players and their production of Aladdin.

And entertained they were. It took only a minute for Aladdin, played by Hunter Jordan, to leap from the stage chased by the Grand Sultan's guards played by Cole Powers, Cheyenne Baker, Dakota Baker and Kyleigh Rainey.

Just before intermission, Aladdin was tricked into a cave by a calculating magician played by Clayton Quinn. While trapped in the cave, Aladdin discovers a lamp that held a Genie, played by Jay Hunter Brasher, whose wish was his command.

The antics continued as the second half of the show

was even more entertaining than the first. As each cast member took their turn in the spotlight they added a uniqueness that usually ended with applause from the audience.

These young performers put a lot of hard work and hours of rehearsal into the show and it paid off. "I am really proud of how the show turned out and how much work the kids put into it," said director Mark Tubbs.

It also takes 'grown-up' help to put on a stage show. Director Mark Tubbs was quick to point out the contributions of the production team. Elicia Spain, Stage Manager; Nastya Kryuchkova and Elicia Spain, Hair and Makeup; Sue Tubbs, Costumes; Justin Flanigan, Sound Engineer; Shane Bridges, Set Construction and Acting Coach; Brandi Goff and Susie Jordan, Advertising; and Larry Spain, Mary Powers, Tonja Hendrix, Susan Baker, Nikki Hendrix

and City of Parsons employees for their assistance. The parents of the cast also play an important role by bringing their children to rehearsals and working with them on their lines.

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ers are an extension of The Rivertime Players who perform each fall under the "Big Tent" during the annual Parsons Peavine Festival. The YRPs began after receiving a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission and soon after, auditions were held and spots were filled.

A second performance of Aladdin will be held Friday night at the Parsons Municipal Building starting at 7 p.m. If you missed the first show, come on out, you will not be disappointed.



**Cast:** Aladdin, Hunter Jordan; Adora, Madison Goff; Aladdin's mother, Keisha Lyles; Magiclan, Clayton Quinn; Grand Sultan, Brett Jordan; Bular, Jennie Turner; Genie, Jay Hunter Brasher; Suleyman, Natalie Brooks; and guards, Cole Powers, Cheyenne Baker, Dakota Baker and Kyleigh Rainey.



Newly crowned Miss Parsons Peavine Morgan Smith, of Milan, Tenn. made a special guest appearance during the Young Riverside Players' performance of Aladdin.