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Steel Beam Children's Theatre Presents
The Musical *Little Red Riding Hood* October 15 - November 6, 2011

Families will love this spunky Little Red Riding Hood (Kathleen Miulli, Geneva) who, just as she complains that her life is so boring, discovers her martial arts loving granny (Mary Kate Stanfa, Geneva) has broken her hand while trying to karate chop a brick! So Little Red embarks on an exciting adventure through the forest to deliver some goodies to her injured relative, meeting a cunning Harvard-educated wolf (Brendan Walsh, West Chicago) along the way. Steel Beam Children's Theatre's ***Little Red Riding Hood*** takes the traditional tale and updates it with contemporary elements and upbeat songs sure to engage and delight audiences of all ages

Little Red Riding Hood runs Saturday, October 15-Sunday, November 6. Show times are Saturdays at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm and Sundays at 1:00 pm. Additional shows Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5 at 7:30 pm. Located in the heart of historic downtown St. Charles at 111 W. Main Street, Steel Beam Theatre is handicap accessible, with free parking and a variety of restaurants nearby. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$10 for children under 16. For tickets, visit www.SteelBeamTheatre.com.

The ***Little Red Riding Hood*** cast includes Marissa Clifford, Michael Garcia, Tekla Mach, Declan Maher, Kathleen Miulli, Mary Kate Stanfa and Tristan Williams, all of Geneva; Alyssa Robinson and Taylor Stevens, St. Charles; Jacob Gallaher and Lindsey Gallaher, South Elgin; Megan Clifford, Elburn; Emily Marron, Glendale Heights; Brianna Picardi, Winfield; Nicolas Sole, Carol Stream and Brendan Walsh, West Chicago.

Little Red Riding Hood is directed by Steel Beam Theatre Founder and Artistic Director Donna Steele. Ms. Steele holds an MFA in acting from Southern Methodist University, and a BA and MA in Theatre from Northwestern University. She has directed numerous Main Stage and Children's Theatre productions over Steel Beam Theatre's 10 year history. Nadia Handler of St. Charles is assistant director, as part of Steel Beam Theatre's internship program. Ms. Handler studies voice with Amy Steele,

dance at State Street Dance, and has appeared in many Steel Beam Children's Theatre shows, as well as other productions in the area.

The Steel Beam Children's Theatre's motto is *It's What Happens Off-Stage that Counts* to emphasize Steel Beam's belief that participation in theatre is not simply about winning a starring role, and that life skills like communication, discipline, teamwork and respect are developed during the rehearsal and performance process. Steel Beam Theatre offers classes, summer camps, workshops and audition-based theatrical productions for children ages 6-16. Hundreds of area children have started their training in the theatrical arts in Steel Beam's intimate, non-threatening and nurturing environment, where the student/teacher ratio is always low and each child receives individualized attention. Many Steel Beam Theatre alumni have gone on to major in the arts at college, or appear in professional productions.

Steel Beam Theatre (SBT), 111 W. Main Street, St. Charles, IL, guides audiences and actors in shared experiences that help the participants more fully understand humanity. SBT's mission is to bring high quality theatrical entertainment, training and arts awareness to the Fox Valley community at an affordable price. Since 2001, Steel Beam Theatre productions have attracted thousands to St. Charles, and the Theatre is an anchor that adds diversity and draws visitors to the historic downtown area for any given production. Steel Beam Theatre - ***Experience*** Life! Visit us on Facebook, at www.SteelBeamTheatre.com, or call 630.587.8521.