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Steel Beam Children's Theatre Presents
Twelve Dancing Princesses January 14-February 5, 2012

In a far away land, a Queen (Fiona Dendler, South Elgin) is faced with a perplexing mystery. Every night her twelve beautiful princesses are tucked safely in their beds with the door to their suite securely bolted shut. Yet each morning the girls are exhausted, as if they hadn't slept, and their shoes are worn through, even though every day they get a new pair. **Steel Beam Children's Theatre** audiences will cheer for a valiant young soldier (Michael Garcia, Geneva) who unravels a sinister plot to overtake the kingdom in this delightful adaptation of the classic fairy tale **Twelve Dancing Princesses**, which runs Saturday, January 14-Sunday, February 5, 2012.

Twelve Dancing Princesses show times are Saturdays at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm and Sundays at 1:00 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 **Twelve Dancing Princesses** cast includes Michael Garcia, Jill Jackson, Riley Kafka, Lilly Nowak, Mikayla Rawls, Adelaide Ralston and Carly Rasmussen, all of Geneva; Anastasia Smith-Becker, Allison Cole, Aaron Delaney, Mackenzie O'Keefe, Rachel Ponte and Julia Zima, all of St. Charles; Aidan Walker and Isabel Walker, Batavia; Chloe Besser, Elburn; Fiona Dendler, South Elgin; Isabelle Heuser, Wayne; and Ashley Peters and Lindsay Peters, West Chicago.

Twelve Dancing Princesses is directed by Daina Giesler of Oswego. Ms. Giesler has been a member of the Steel Beam Children's Theatre faculty for nine years, serving as director of numerous productions, teaching acting and technique classes, and leading summer theatre camps. She is the founder and artistic director of the Oswego Playhouse. Ms. Giesler has an MA from NYU in Educational Theatre and a BA from Columbia College in Dance and Choreography.

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.

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