

**Steel Beam Children's Theatre Opens its 11th Season
with *The Tale of Snow White*, an Old Favorite with a
Fractured Fairytale Twist, September 10 - October 2, 2011**

Steel Beam Children's Theatre's ***The Tale of Snow White*** takes a twisted turn when a contemporary mom and her two children present *their* version of the traditional tale. While the struggle between the kind and good Snow White (Mara Handler, STC) and the evil Queen (Allison Griffiths, STC) remains, beloved characters are tweaked, and wild, wacky new characters appear when the siblings use their imaginations to create a fresh new version that captures the fable's timeless message - home is where the heart is and love conquers all.

The Tale of Snow White opens Steel Beam Children's Theatre's 11th season and runs Saturday, September 10-Sunday, October 2. Show times are Saturdays at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm and Sundays at 1:00pm. 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 Tale of Snow White cast includes Isabel Walker, Batavia; Maddy Donatelli, Lauren Freitag, Lissy Holbrook, Adelaide Ralston and Natalie White, all of Geneva; Allison Cole, Shannon Foran, Allison Griffiths, Mara Handler, Beth Kahan, Beth Mehl, Sayre Milo and Grace Zimmerman, all of St. Charles; Isabelle Heuser, Wayne; Amanda Jackson, West Chicago; and Rachel Marsden, Wheaton.

The Tale of Snow White is director Sean Kelly's third Children's Theatre show at Steel Beam. Other directing credits include *The Fantasticks* (Porchlight), *English Class Heretics* (Victory Gardens) *Literally Sexy* (Victory Gardens), *Pancake Breakfast* (The New Colony), *Personal Apocalypse* (Tympanic), *Aesop and Icarus* (Manhattan Rep), and *Master Harold and the Boys* (Old World). Kelly's assistant directing credits include *The Tempest* (Steppenwolf), *The Snow Queen* (Victory Gardens), *Sugar* (Drury Lane), *Superior Donuts* (Steppenwolf), *Jailbait* (Profiles), and *Old Times* (Remy Bumppo). Mr. Kelly is a company member of The New Colony and an artistic associate at Porchlight Music Theatre. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2008 with degrees in Acting and Vocal Performance.

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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