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**BRIDGEWAY HOUSE TO PRESENT THEATRE PRODUCTION ‘SAGEBRUSH CINDERELLA’
FEATURING ACTORS WITH AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES IN THE HULT CENTER**

Eugene, Ore. – Bridgeway House will present their 10th annual theatre production featuring a cast of stage performers all with autism on Friday, April 29, 2016 at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts.

Advance tickets available now cost \$8 for people 17 years of age and younger, and cost \$12 for people 18 years of age and older at the Hult Center Box Office and online at hultcenter.org. The play will begin at 7 p.m.

This year’s production, entitled Sagebrush Cinderella and directed by Janet Steiger Carr, features a talented cast of performers with autism who each bring their own exceptional touches to this comedic, two-act play.

For more information about Hult Center ticketing for the theatre production, please visit <http://bit.ly/1TRhE71>.

Proceeds will assist the nonprofit agency Bridgeway House assist people and families cope with autism and related disabilities.

“By working with a cast of actors with autism to produce the theatre production, Bridgeway House provides specialized supports to help children with autism develop their talents and areas of expertise as well as find the skills within themselves to perform on stage,” said Patricia Wigney, Bridgeway House executive director.

“Performers receive extra rehearsal time and creative accommodations to help them overcome some of their cognitive, social, behavioral, and communication differences. In addition, there are visual cues and other accommodations onstage,” Wigney said.

The production also helps build audiences for the arts by attracting audience members who might otherwise not be interested in a theatre production.

In addition, the adaptations made for the sensory issues of the performers with autism also help make it possible for persons in the audience with sensory issues to enjoy the performance. All of this furthers Bridgeway House’s larger goal of helping persons on the autism spectrum find welcome and acceptance in the community.

For more information about Bridgeway House and Bridgeway House, please visit <http://www.bridgewayhouse.org>.

About the Bridgeway House

Bridgeway House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was founded in 2002 to offer developmental therapies, enrichment courses, and support to children and families of all income levels with autism and related disabilities. Bridgeway House’s therapeutic programs are designed to help this diverse and ever-increasing group of children meet the challenges of autism and help their families with the emotional, financial, and social challenges they face. Services include therapies, social skills groups, summer camps, parent skills groups, family social events, an annual theatre production, and a private school for children with autism. Bridgeway House offers scholarships for all programs so they are affordable to families from all walks of life.

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