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'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' opens Aug. 3 at Woodminster

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Romar DeClaro plays Joseph in this year's production. Photo provided

Producers Associates continues the 52nd season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals with "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The Biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to life Aug. 3-12 at Woodminster Amphitheater in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park, located on Joaquin Miller Road at upper Sanborn Drive. Told entirely through song, the musical follows Joseph, favorite son of Jacob, as he overcomes many challenges through his honesty and good character.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018, "Joseph" continues to be one of the most enduring shows of all time. The musical follows Joseph after he's been sold into slavery by his brothers and is full of catchy songs in a variety of styles from French ballad, "Those Canaan Days," to country, "One More Angel in Heaven," along with the unforgettable classics "Any Dream Will Do" and "Close Every Door."

"Joseph" was the first Lloyd Webber and Rice musical to be performed publicly, first as a choir school concert piece in 1968, and then as a full-fledged production in 1970, and it won the Tony Award for best musical and best original score in 1982.

Says director Joel Schlader, "This show is ... fun and fast and lively, a perfect show for families, and our Kids Come Free program and K75 (discounted kids ticket) pricing make an evening at the theater affordable for parents who want to bring their kids and their kids' friends."

Music direction is by Mark Dietrich and choreography by Marissa Joy Ganz. Woodminster shows are performed with live orchestras, and musicians are members of Musicians Local No. 6.

Tickets are available by phone, at (510) 531-9597, online at www.woodminster.com, or in person at Woodminster Amphitheater 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekends, or at the box office two hours before any performance. Performances are Aug. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, and 12, all at 8 p.m. in this open-air performance facility.

Closing out the 52nd season of Woodminster Summer Musicals, Lin-Manuel Miranda and Quiara Alegria Hudes' "In The Heights" will be performed Aug. 31-Sept. 9.

For more information about the 2018 season or the history of the organization, visit www.woodminster.com.

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