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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# SPOOKLEY THE SQUARE PUMPKIN

**Stages Theatre Company**  
**September 30 – October 30, 2017**

**HOPKINS, Minn.** – Stages Theatre Company (STC) is excited to bring back by popular demand, one of our favorites, **Spookley the Square Pumpkin!** Join us as **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** and his friends return to Stages Theatre Company. Catch it again or for the first time! **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** sprouts back into our Hopkins Jaycees Studio for an encore performance this autumn! When Spookley arrives in the pumpkin patch he is teased by all the other pumpkins because of his odd shape. Even after his new friends—the boisterous spiders Edgar, Allen and Poe—try to convince him to run for the Pick of the Patch contest, Spookley still isn't sure he has what it takes. However, a threatening storm may just give Spookley the inspiration to discover his own worth. This imaginative puppetry extravaganza filled with memorable music will surely encourage you to “dare to be square!”

Based on the Stage play by Joe Troiano. Based on the film “*Spookley the Square Pumpkin*” by Joe Troiano and Tom Hughes and the book “*The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin*” by Joe Troiano. Book and lyrics by Joe Troiano and music composed and arranged by Jeff Zahn.

The complete all local cast of **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** is as follows:

Miel Aronson (Farmhand & Leaf Puppeteer), Molly DiNardo (Farmhand & Leaf Puppeteer), Lynnea Doublette (Bobo), Sophie Farrell (Spookley), David Gamache (Big Tom & Little Tom), Ronan

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Guevera (Alan), Maia Hernandez (Edgar), Amy Horn (Farmhand & Pumpkin Puppeteer), Kate Lori (Farmhand), Sophia Markstrom (Farmhand & Pumpkin Puppeteer), Bridget Miller (Poe), Helena Moore (Mimi), Matt Ouren (Jack), Nolan Semsch (Farmhand), and Isabella Rose Wierson (Lala).

The creative team includes:

**Artistic Director** - Sandy Boren-Barrett, **Director** - Cody R Braudt, **Stage Manager** - Kenji Shoemaker, **Props Designer** - Jim Hibbeler, **Lighting Designer** - Mike Kittel, **Music Director** - James Lekatz, **Costume & Make-Up Designer** - Lisa Mangone, **Technical Director** - Alan Pagel, **Production Manager** - Melanie Salmon-Peterson and **Set Designer** - Erica Zaffarano.

**Spookley the Square Pumpkin opens Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and runs through Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, and is for all ages. Tickets are on sale now! Visit [www.stagestheatre.org](http://www.stagestheatre.org) for performance dates and times, or call the Box Office at (952) 979-1111, option 4, Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults; \$14 for seniors, ages 60+ and children, ages 5 to 17.**

Our sensory-friendly performance is Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. This performance is designed for young people and their families, who are on the autism spectrum, or with other sensory sensitivities.

Here at Stages Theatre Company, it is through the hearts of the young people we serve, that we find the world we are inspired to live in. We want our young people to find a world where dreams become a reality, where thinking “outside the box” is not only encouraged, but rewarded and where doing the right thing for a friend reaps the benefits of lifelong love. We want to create a world where greatness is measured by the strength in spirit and by how much you give, not by how much you get. Through the stories we bring to life we are creating a world full of goodness, understanding, make-believe and comfort.

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Stages Theatre Company was founded in 1984 and since then has grown to become one of the largest professional theatres for young audiences in the country. We engage young artists with themes relevant to their lives and involve them in creating magical works featuring young people in meaningful roles. Through theatrical productions, workshops, conservatory classes and other outreach programs, Stages Theatre Company annually serves more than 145,000 young people and their families.

***Statement of Inclusivity:** Stages Theatre Company is dedicated to creating a space where diverse opinions, courageous dialogue, and local, national, and international community engagement is not only valued, but vital to our shared artistic and educational success. We make this pledge in hope of curating a welcome home for all.*

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