



MEDIA ALERT

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Scripp's National Spelling Bee Finalist, Ramya Auroprem, Appears with the Cast of San Jose Repertory Theatre's "Spelling Bee!"

WHAT: Ramya Auroprem will join the cast of San Jose Repertory Theatre's *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* as one of four audience volunteers on Saturday, June 6 for the 3:00pm performance. At each performance, four audience members are selected and invited onstage to participate in the "Bee."

Immediately following the performance, Auroprem will join the cast in the Rep's post-show discussion, an informal Q&A session, which gives audience members an opportunity to meet the cast and discuss the performance. The post-show discussion will be led by San Jose Rep's Director of Outreach, Karen Altree Piemme.

WHO: San Jose resident Ramya Auroprem recently placed fifth in the 2009 Scripp's National Spelling Bee Competition. The competition was held on May 29, 2009, at the Grand Hyatt Washington, in Washington, D.C. She is an 8th grader at Joaquin Miller Middle School. Auroprem is fascinated by linguistics and is eager to learn new languages. She is fluent in Tamil and is currently studying French.

WHEN: Saturday, June 6, 2009, for the matinee performance at 3:00pm.

WHERE: **San Jose Repertory Theatre**
101 Paseo de San Antonio
Downtown San Jose

SHOW INFORMATION:

The Tony® award-winning musical hit, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, is extended through June 14th. This sassy musical comedy follows six young people in the throes of puberty. Overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, they learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make them a loser.

Music and lyrics by **William Finn**
Book by **Rachel Sheinkin**
Conceived by **Rebecca Feldman**
Additional material by **Jay Reiss**
Directed by **Timothy Near**

Musical direction by **Dolores Duran-Cefalu**
Assistant Director/Movement Consultant **Amanda Folena**

Set Designer	Robert Broadfoot
Costume Designer	Shigeru Yagi
Lighting/Projection Designer	David Lee Cuthbert
Sound Design	Jeff Mockus
Associate Lighting and Projections Designer:	Seamus Stahan-Mauk
Stage Manager	Laxmi Kumaran

CAST:

Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre	Molly Bell
Chip Tolentino	Marc de la Cruz
Rona Lisa Peretti	Alison Ewing
William Barfee	Mark Ferrell
Leaf Coneybear	Clifton Guterman
Mitch Mahoney	Berwick Haynes
Douglas Panch	Steve Irish
Olive Ostrovsky	Dani Marcus
Marcy Park	Sophie Oda

About the Rep

San Jose Rep is the premier non-profit, professional theatre company in the South Bay, presenting six main stage productions each year. As a major contributor to South Bay's cultural community for 28 years, the Rep's mission is to engage, entertain and inspire people. The Rep produces innovative theatrical performances that offer fresh perspectives into the human condition, educational programs that promote life-long learning, and outreach initiatives that benefit our diverse community. For more information, visit www.SJRep.com

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