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**MARYLAND ENSEMBLE THEATRE**

**Presents**

***Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells Batman Smells***

**By Allison Gregory From the Book by Barbara Park**

**November 24 - December 23**

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FREDERICK, MD (October 17, 2018) - **Maryland Ensemble Theatre’s (MET)** family theatre, **The Fun Company** is proud to bring back *Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells Batman Smells.* Based on the children’s books by Barbara Park, this play follows the feisty and irrepressible Junie B. Jones as she plays Secret Santa to her least favorite classmate, Tattletale May. Will Junie B. give Tattletale May exactly what she thinks she deserves or will the holiday spirit force a change of heart? With plenty of laughs and life lessons, this story is the perfect holiday treat for the whole family.

Since 1992, Junie B. Jones has been working her way into the hearts of children everywhere. After dozens of books over the decades, Junie B. Jones has become one of the most beloved characters in children’s literature. Director Julie Herber is thrilled to bring back this audience favorite. “Junie B. Jones is beloved by children of all ages and her antics are timeless. It’s such a funny and heartwarming show – perfect to usher in the holidays! Allison Gregory’s adaptation of the book perfectly captures the delightful characters that so many in our audience have come to love as followers of the book series.”

The *Jingle Bells Batman Smells* production team includes: Director **Julie Herber**, Stage Manager **Maria Laird**, Scenic Designer **Cecelia Lee** and **Morgan Southwell**, Lighting Designer **Doug Grove**, Costume Designer **Julie Herber** and Props Designer **Julie Herber**.

The cast includes: **Karli Cole** as Junie B. Jones, **Torie Weaver** as May, **Reiner Prochaska** as Mr. Scary, **Matt Lee** as Herb/Grampa Miller, **Prince Mills** as Sheldon and Phillip Jonny Bob, **Katie Rattigan** as Lucille and Elf Ellen,and **Daniel Valentín-Morales** as José/Mr. Toot/

*Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells Batman Smells* opens onSaturday, November 24 and runs until Sunday, December 23 every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. There will also be 10:20am matinees on December 15 and 22. Tickets are $12. Tickets may be purchased by phone at (301) 694-4744, online at [marylandensemble.org](http://marylandensemble.org) or in person at the MET box office. Come celebrate the holidays with this gut-busting tale.

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**RATING/AGE APPROPRIATE/WARNINGS:** Family Friendly, ages 3+.

**HOW IT BEGAN:** Since the publishing of *Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus* in 1992, the series has become a well-beloved staple of children’s literature, with 28 novels translated into three languages. It continues to entertain young audiences to this day.

**PRODUCTION TEAM**

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Scenic Designer: **Cecelia Lee & Morgan Southwell**

Costume Designer: **Julie Herber**

Lighting Designer: **Doug Grove**

Prop Designer: **Julie Herber**

**CAST**

Junie B. Jones: **Karli Cole**

May: **Tori Weaver**

Mr. Scary: **Reiner Prochaska**

Herb/Grampa Miller: **Matt Lee**

Sheldon/Phillip Jonny Bob: **Prince Mills**

Lucille/Elf Ellen: **Katie Rattigan**

José/Mr. Toot: **Daniel Valentín-Morales**

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