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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MassBay Opens 2000-2001 Cultural Alliance Season**

(*Wellesley Hills, MA*) – Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay) announces the 2000-2001 Cultural Alliance Season, featuring performances by the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric West Theater, the MetroWest Youth Symphony Orchestra and the All About Us Children’s Theatre, all in-residence at the college.

“Two new artists-in-residence, the MetroWest Youth Symphony Orchestra (MetYSO) and the All About Us Children’s Theater, have joined MassBay this season. They join the acclaimed Wellesley Symphony Orchestra and the recognized Lyric West Theater to form the new MassBay Cultural Alliance. The semi-annual Jackie Memorial Concert series and the MassBay Players, the college’s student musical production, cap this exciting 2000-2001 arts season,” says Dr. Lindsay D. Norman, president of MassBay.

Dr. Norman was instrumental in attracting both the MetYSO and the All About Us Children’s Theater to MassBay this year. Their presence enhances the culturally rich community established last year with the successful in-residence arrangements with Wellesley Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric West Theater.

The acclaimed MetroWest Youth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Gilbert Trout, showcases the musical talents of young people up to age 20. In addition, the group features a yearly composer-in-residence program, in which area composers are invited to write an original piece especially for the youth symphony. Audiences will hear the prestigious compositions played for the first time during this performance season.

The notable All About Us Children’s Theatre, under the tutelage of artistic director Denny Morrell, is open to children ages 7 to 12. The theatre group, which in the past performed out of three different sites throughout the metro-Boston area because of space constraints, is able to present a more ambitious program this season as a result of its one centralized location at MassBay. “It’s so nice to have a permanent home base so we can actually plan our performing arts year ahead of time,” says Morrell. “And it’s a blessing to the community because they don’t have to travel to far off places to see the children perform.”

In addition to its performance schedule, the theatre will be using the MassBay campus to hold its summer camp, where children learn ballet, jazz, singing and acting techniques.

In just their first year at MassBay, both directors are excited about the collaborations that are in store by being in-residence with other performing arts groups. “We’re all here to support each other,” notes Morrell. “It’s going to be a wonderful interchange of creative efforts for us and the community.”

Massachusetts Bay Community College, founded in 1961, is a publicly supported associate degree and certificate-granting institution. The college offers career and transfer associate degree and certificate programs, as well as opportunities for part-time study and personal and professional enrichment through non-credit courses. MassBay operates two campuses. The Wellesley Hills Campus is located one mile west of the intersection of Routes 128 and 9, approximately ten miles west of Boston. The Framingham Campus is near downtown Framingham, off of Routes 126 and 9.

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**MassBay Cultural Alliance 2000-2001 Season**

(Performances at MassBay Wellesley campus unless otherwise noted.)

- October 6-22 Lyric West Theatre  
Misalliance by George Bernard Shaw
- October 8 Wellesley Symphony Orchestra Season Sampler  
Elizabeth Seton Residence, Wellesley
- November 12 Wellesley Symphony Orchestra World of Wellesley  
Grieg Piano Concerto, works by Shubert, Beethoven  
Featuring Pianist Heng-Jin Park Ellsworth
- December 1 The Jackie Memorial Concert  
The Metropolitan Wind Symphony
- December 2-3 All About Us Children's Theatre  
Cinderella
- December 3 MetroWest Youth Symphony  
MassBay Framingham Campus
- December 8-23 Lyric West Theatre  
A Child's Christmas in Wales by Dylan Thomas
- December 10 Wellesley Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert  
Baritone Ronald Williams  
Narrator: MassBay President Lindsay D. Norman  
Guest performance: MetroWest Youth Symphony
- February 25 MetroWest Youth Symphony Orchestra  
MassBay Framingham Campus
- March 2-18 Lyric West Theatre  
Little Foxes by Lillian Hellman
- March 23-25 All About Us Children's Theatre  
The Princess and the Pea
- April 6-22 Lyric West Theatre  
Knock, Knock by Jules Feiffer
- May 4-6 MasBay Players Spring Musical
- May 20 MetroWest Youth Symphony Orchestra  
MassBay Framingham Campus
- June 2-3 All About Us Children's Theatre  
Brigadoon
- July 18 The Jackie Memorial Concert  
Triple Helix Piano Trio

For showtimes, call MassBay Community Relations at 781-239-3184

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