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Cast announced for “Harriet & Walt”

The Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts' Topeka Youth Players is pleased to announce the cast for the last youth musical production of 2011, **Harriet & Walt**

Auditions were held September 11. The cast, made up of talented area youth age 10-13, includes Annie Simon, Paige Freeman, Phoenix Constantino, Michael Duncan, Bronze Constantino, Lydeah Kears, Darby Holroyd, Jenna Johnson, Peyton White, Addy Mead, Trindy Thompson, Payton Bolte & Anna Dexter. The show will be directed by Craig Fisher, with musical direction by Maeghan Bishop & stage management by Peyton Wettengel.

Pre-teen Harriet always gets stuck with her little brother Walt tagging along everywhere she goes. The last thing she wants is an accident prone little brother interfering with her and her friends' preparations for the winter carnival. When Walt almost gets hurt, Harriet realizes how much he means to her and stands up to her friend George, who criticized her kid brother. Based on the classic children's book by Nancy Carlson, this Topeka Youth Players' production teaches an important lesson about sibling rivalry.

Performances dates for this youth musical will be December 2, 3, 9 & 10 at 7pm, and December 4 & 11 at 2:30pm. Tickets will be \$9 all ages and will go on sale November 14 at 9am at the Helen Hocker Theater office in Gage Park.

For further information, call Helen Hocker Theater at 368-0191, 9-5, M-F, or go to our web page at www.topeka.org/parksrec/hocker.shtml.

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The Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts is an organization dedicated to enriching the cultural growth of our community. Quality family entertainment, positive learning experiences in a friendly atmosphere, an outlet for artistic expression for youth and adults, all are found in the Theater's year-round programming. Family and youth musical dramas and comedies are offered, along with music and dance events, performing arts classes and workshops. The primary goals of the Theater are to provide exciting and enjoyable challenges for our participants and quality in all our endeavors for our patrons. Volunteer opportunities are available. Please call the Theater box office for more information.