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## **JM Productions ~ Children's Corner & VH1 Save the Music Announce First Annual "Quincy's Summer Broadway Classes"**

(Quincy, MA) ~ The sponsors of Quincy's first annual Summer Broadway Classes have two important questions for the young people of the South Shore: Gotta Sing? Gotta Dance? If the answer to either of these questions is yes – then have they got a summer camp for you!!

Quincy's Summer Broadway Classes are for children in Grades 3 – 12 from any city or town on the South Shore. The classes will be sponsored by Children's Corner (a Drama, Dance and Voice studio located in Quincy) along with JM Productions and is scheduled for two consecutive weeks: July 7 – July 18.

Professional Broadway performers who have starred in such well-known musicals as *Mamma Mia!*, *Fame*, *42nd Street*, *Good Vibrations*, *Mary Poppins* and *Les Miserables* will serve as instructors in this program. The two-week course will be a fun and intensive musical workshop, which will culminate in a live musical production on the evening of July 18<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds of the live show will go to the VH1 Save the Music Foundation. Classes & the show will be held at North Quincy High School.

"What we were really looking for – was a way to provide a summer program for young people from Quincy and the surrounding communities – that would really nurture an interest in and a love of music and theatre." said John F. McDonald, Jr., Executive Director of JM Productions and Children's Corner. "So many students from my program – and other students throughout the South Shore – have a real interest in musical theatre and Broadway that we want to foster. This was a great way to do that."

This is the first year of the partnership between Children's Corner and the VH1 Save the Music Foundation, but the two organizations share similar goals. The VH1 Save the Music Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring instrumental music education in America's

schools and raising awareness about the importance of music as a part of each child's complete education. Since 1997, the VH1 Save the Music Foundation has provided nearly \$40 million worth of new musical instruments to 1,500 schools in more than 100 cities around the country.

Children's Corner is a Dance, Drama and Voice studio that began in Quincy in 1999. Children's Corner sought to fill a void on the South Shore as performing arts programs were being eliminated. It was the mission of the co-founders of Children's Corner to offer affordable classes in performance art – within the three disciplines of dance, drama and voice – to students in grades 3 – 12 from September until June.

Quincy's Mayor Thomas P. Koch praised the partnership that will be bringing Broadway to Quincy. "I was very excited to learn of this terrific opportunity for Quincy families." said Mayor Koch. "Not only is this a great way to provide some valuable musical instruction to our youth – but it also has the added bonus of potentially returning some resources to our schools. This definitely seems like a win-win."

If the first year of Quincy's Summer Broadway classes proves successful, the sponsors anticipate that this will be an annual summer program. Registration is already underway for the two-week program and families who are interested are encouraged to visit the website [www.jmproductionsresents.com](http://www.jmproductionsresents.com) for more information and to access registration materials or call 617-786- SHOW (7469).

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