



*****MEDIA ALERT*****

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1776 FAMILY DAY: AFFORDABLE REVOLUTIONARY FUN FOR KINFOLK

WHAT: **1776 FAMILY DAY** is a special matinee performance that offers theatre-loving families with young people (suggested for ages 10 and above) an affordable way to see the smash-hit play *1776*. Families can purchase four tickets for \$50.00 -- provided that two members of the group are under age 18 -- and be treated to additional entertainment before and after the show. A roving troubadour will roam the theatre performing songs from the American Revolution era, and actors in period costume will read from Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* and interact with the crowd. Hot dogs, popcorn, and ice cream will be available for purchase. After the show, the cast of *1776* will participate in a discussion from the stage and field questions from the audience.

WHEN: Saturday, December 1, 2012
Pre-Show Entertainment on the Mezzanine 1p.m. to 2p.m.
Matinee Performance in the Mertz Theatre, 2p.m.

WHERE: Mertz Theatre at the Florida State University Center for the Performing Arts
5555 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243
(adjacent to the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art)

WHO: **BILL SCHUSTIK, American Troubadour (www.billschustik.com), and colonial period re-enactors
BRIAN HERSH, Education & Outreach Director for Asolo Rep
and THE ENTIRE CAST OF *1776***

HOW: The event is open to the general public. Tickets for families are \$50.00 for a set of four tickets, with at least two members of the group being age 18 or younger. With the purchase of a family pack, additional tickets for patrons age 18 and younger can be purchased for \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased by calling 941-351-8000 or 800-361-8388, or in person at the Asolo Repertory Theatre Box Office.

Media are invited to attend. For media tickets, photos, interviews, or more information about the show, please contact Susan Yannetti at 941-351-9010 x4800 or susan_yannetti@asolo.org. For more information about Asolo Repertory Theatre and its 2012-2013 season, please visit www.asolorep.org.

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