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Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Presents 'The Kid Who Ran for President' Oct. 3-12

When an average sixth-grader agrees to run for president, he finds himself at the head of the Lemonade Party, running a nationwide campaign. Rainbow Company's production of this clever satire, "The Kid Who Ran for President," from the best-selling book by Dan Gutman, will tickle everyone from age 9 to 109.

The play opens Friday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in the main theatre at the Reed Whipple Cultural Center. Performances continue on Oct. 4, 9, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 5, 11 and 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$7 for adults, \$5 for teens and seniors, and \$3 for children age 12 and under, and may be purchased by phone or at the cultural center's box office at 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North. Box office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call (702) 229-6211 for information.

It doesn't take much for 12-year-old Judson Moon's best friend Lane (Ryan Meservy), to convince him that a kid rather than a grownup should lead the nation in the new millennium — and that Moon (James Guinn) is just the boy for the job. Fast-talking Lane grabs the reins as his pal's campaign manager and the duo quickly obtain the necessary signatures to get Moon on the ballot for the Presidential election. Moon establishes the Lemonade Party (named for the commodity sold at his first fund-raiser) and promises to abolish all homework if his peers can convince their parents to vote for him. The rookie politician's campaign takes off with clever quips and wisecracks. Brian Kral directs a cast of 35 young people and adults, including many members of the Rainbow Company Student Ensemble, in this first production of the season. Joseph Cottone is the musical director and Kris Van Riper is the set designer. Lighting design is handled by Jody Caley. A local band, The Hard Goodbye, provides accompaniment.

For more than three decades, Rainbow Company Youth Theatre has trained generations of young people and won numerous prestigious, national awards. Members learn all aspects of stagecraft and participate on stage and backstage in the five annual productions. Rainbow Company is a program of the Arts & Community Events Division of the city of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services. For more information about the company, call (702) 229-6553.

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