

The Renaissance

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Holiday Spectacular Spectacular

Dec. 11, 12 at 8:00 PM

Dec. 13 at 3:00 PM

Dec. 14 at 3:00 PM

*Special Guest Star
Jodi Benson*



This entirely new production features the largest assembly of artists ever to grace the stage at the Renaissance. The Mansfield Symphony and Chorus, with special guests Jodi Benson (the voice of The Little Mermaid) and Neos Dance Theatre, will take the audience on a thrilling ride at the height of the Holiday season! Experience the graceful beauty of the most touching and sacred music written for the season as you gather with friends and family to celebrate the holiday through song and dance.



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Her Voice Captured Your Heart in The Little Mermaid!

Jodi Benson

Jodi Benson, a native of Rockford, Illinois, has received worldwide recognition and critical acclaim as the voice of Ariel in the Academy Award winning Walt Disney animated feature film The Little Mermaid, as well as the bubbly voice of Tour Guide Barbie in Disney's Toy Story II. For Warner Brothers, she created the spirited voice of Thumbelina, a Don Bluth animated feature with songs by Barry Manilow.



Ms Benson received a Tony Award and a Helen Hayes Award nomination for Best Actress in a Musical for creating the starring role of Polly Baker in the Tony Award-winning Broadway Gershwin musical Crazy For You. Other Broadway credits include: creating the starring role of Doria Hudson in the Howard Ashman-Marvin Hamlisch musical Smile, Betty Bursteter in Cy Coleman's Welcome To The Club and Virginia in Kenny Ortega's Marilyn An American Musical.

Jodi can be heard on over a dozen recordings and has a 6 part DVD series entitled Baby Faith from the creators of Baby Einstein. Her animated TV series include the hit Camp Lazlo for Cartoon Network, The Little Mermaid, Batman Beyond, The Grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy, The Wild Thornberry's, Barbie, Hercules and PJ Sparkles, as well as many others. On the concert stage, Ms Benson has performed as a concert soloist with symphonies all over the world: The

Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, The National Symphony, Cleveland, Dallas, Tokyo Philharmonic, San Francisco and Chicago to name a few.

Jodi gives thanks and praise to the Lord for her family, friends, for her loving and amazing husband Ray and her precious children: son McKinley and daughter Delaney.

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