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# Lion, witch, wardrobe opens year of magical adventures at AMSA

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Anoka Middle School for the Arts kicks off its 10th anniversary theater season and its "Year of Magical Adventures" with its production of C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

Set in the land of Narnia, the middle school's production faithfully recreates the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great lion, his struggle with the White Witch, and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe into the enchanted land of Narnia.

Onstage action features chases, duels and escapes as the witch makes desperate attempts to keep Narnia in her possession and to end the reign of Aslan. It is a story of love, faith, courage and giving – and with its triumph of good over evil, is a true celebration of life.

The Lewis novel has been adapted for the stage by playwright Joseph Robinette and led by guest director Allison Houston.

Costume design is by Emily Jannusch; Stirling Callander is lighting designer; set designer is Matt Kari; graphic designer is Tara Nitz.



Edmund, Peter, Susan and Lucy (played by student performers Aidan L. Gordon, Brysen Rebischke, Sophia Collova and Isabelle Hoopman) practice a scene from Anoka Middle School for the Arts' production of C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Photo submitted

#### 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'

Anoka Middle School for the Arts' production of the play – based on the C.S. Lewis novel of the same name – takes the stage at the Fred Moore Campus (1523 Fifth Ave. S, Anoka) on the following dates and times.

Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. (ASL performance)

Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 26, 2 p.m.

Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.

(No Oct. 31 performance.)

Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 2, 2 p.m.

General seating tickets (adults, \$10; seniors and students under 18, \$5) can be purchased at the theater prior to each performance or by calling the box office at 763-506-3667.

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