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Community Theater Production Brings Shrek to Life on Stage

The big, ornery, but lovable ogre Shrek, his sidekick, Donkey, and the lovely princess Fiona will delight audiences as the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts and RPM Dance present *Shrek The Musical*.

Performances will be Saturdays, April 1 and 8 at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays, April 2 and 9 at 3:00 p.m. at the Suffolk Center.

A cast of 33 will portray the characters audiences came to know and love in the Shrek movies as well as a new character or two. The production has something for everyone: music, dance, comedy, drama – and a few surprises.

Timothy Wright, a student at Tidewater Community College, has the title role of Shrek. Donkey is ably portrayed by Justin Jones, a junior at Old Dominion University, and Ryan Horton, a sophomore at Nansemond Suffolk Academy, is Fiona.

The production is directed by Renee Perry Mitchell. Music Director is Gavin Harper who will also conduct the orchestra. Harper is an M.M.E. candidate at Old Dominion University with a concentration in conducting. He is known throughout the area as a tenor, harpist, conductor, and has also performed on stage with the Little Theatre of Norfolk.

Jason Moore and Rob Ashford were the directors of the original DreamWorks' production of the play. David Lindsay-Abaire wrote the book and lyrics for *Shrek the Musical*, which was nominated for eight Tonys, four Oliviers, a Grammy, and earned David the Ed Kleban Award as America's most promising musical theatre lyricist.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.suffolkcenter.org, or by calling the box office at 923-2900.