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Climb onto a Flying Carpet and Soar into a Magical New Musical

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Gene E. (Noel Thomas) Princess Balroubadora (Jessica LaFever) and Aladdin (Daniel Ye) take off on a high-flying adventure in Ron Lytle's "Aladdin and the Lamp." Photo Sue Ellen Nelsen For its 2016 season, East Bay Children's Theatre proudly presents a World Premiere Musical Event: "Aladdin and the Lamp."

Based on the timeless "Arabian Nights" tale, "Aladdin and the Lamp" retells the story of a boy who is lost on the highway of life. After being trapped by a comical villain (Felonioso), Aladdin falls in love, discovers a magical lamp and its occupant (one Gene E. Schwartz), changes his ways, and finally learns what it truly means to be "like a man."

EBCT has commissioned award-winning playwright and composer Ron Lytle to create another high-flying, crowd-pleasing family musical. He also directs the colorful and lively production.

The cast comprises talent gathered from throughout the entire Bay Area, and includes: Terry Pink Alexander, Abe Bernstein, Gemma Bulos, Candy Capogrossi, Barbara Ann Cecchetti, Alex

Cox, Harriet Hanauer, Aurelia Jordan, Daniel Le, Pablo Hamlin, Jessica LaFever, Jeffrey Morrill, Noel Thomas, Eve McElheney Tieck and Wayne D. Steffen.

Public performances of "Aladdin and the Lamp" will be presented at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at The Jewish Community Center of the East Bay in Berkeley; and at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 20 at the Orinda Library Auditorium. Tickets are \$12-\$15, and may be purchased online at: www. EBCTonline.org. Advance purchase is strongly recommended, as performances will sell out.

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