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**Dexter, Missouri** - It's a "big bright beautiful world" for everyone's favorite ogre in ***Shrek The Musical JR.***, based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film. Nasty will be nice and Dexter will be ogre-the-moon when Dexter High School students present their production of ***Shrek The Musical JR*** beginning November 19, 2015, it was announced on by Freddie Gershon, CEO of Music Theatre International (MTI).

The family-friendly musical comedy follows the adventures of an ogre named Shrek who sets off on a quest to save a princess from a dragon. However, it turns out that in order to ultimately succeed, Shrek must battle an even bigger obstacle: learning how to believe in himself and open his heart to others.

"Shrek's unique story of discovery encourages each of us to examine our prejudices, review what we believe to be our limitations and work to better understand ourselves and others. The actors and crew in this production have embarked on a similar journey, as students and teachers with many different interests have learned more about themselves and each other while collaborating towards the common goal of presenting this musical," says Gershon.

Dexter High School will present *Shrek The Musical JR* on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Dexter High School Auditorium.

*Shrek The Musical JR* follows an ogre named Shrek who has learned the hard way that “people hate the things they cannot understand.” For many years he has protected himself from the hurtful actions of those who are scared of him by living as a recluse in a cozy cesspit. One day, his peaceful swamp is disturbed by new tenants: fairytale misfits – including Pinocchio, the Ugly duckling, the Wicket Witch, Peter Pan, the Three Little Pigs, and the Big Bad Wolf – have been banished there by the villainous Lord Farquaad. In order to gain back his land, Shrek makes a deal with Farquaad to rescue the feisty princess Fiona from a tower guarded by a fierce dragon. Setting off with his faithful companion, Donkey, Shrek begins the journey of a lifetime filled with adventure, romance, and hilarity.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and may be purchased at the door. For more information, please email Jamie Sepulvado at [jamie2@dexter.k12.mo.us](mailto:jamie2@dexter.k12.mo.us) or Julie Rybolt at [jrybolt@dexter.k12.mo.us](mailto:jrybolt@dexter.k12.mo.us).

*Shrek The Musical JR* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). They are one of the world’s leading theatrical licensing agencies, granting schools as well as amateur and professional theaters from around the world the rights to perform the largest selection of great musicals from Broadway and beyond.

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