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## PERFORMING ARTS

# 'Pied Piper in Pink' Brings Musical To Hills

The entire family will be dancing in the aisles when the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center presents "Moey's Fairytale Adventure," a 60-minute, fun-filled, immersive musical, ideal for children 10 years old and younger.

The world premiere performances will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at noon and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

The play is the brainchild of acclaimed children's performer Melissa Levis, also known as "Moey," and was adapted from a book by authors Leah Lane and Stewart F. Lane, a Tony Award winner. The play is being produced by Bonnie Comley and Alyssa Renzi, and directed by Five Towns College professor and Broadway veteran Marie Danvers.

"Moey's Fairytale Adventure" introduces children to Tina, a clever young girl who is on a quest to rescue Storyland from certain doom. Together, Tina and the children will learn to use the power of music and imagination to save Storyland and outwit the Big, Bad Wolf.

Levis is an award-winning children's songwriter who created the character of Moey in 2005. Sporting her signature pink, sparkly dress, Moey is one of the most well-recognized and beloved performers among boys and girls in the 8-and-under-set in New York



From left, Stephanie Courtney, Jenna Ghidaleson, Javan Zappata and Melissa Vega in "Moey's Fairytale Adventure."

City. The New York Post dubbed her "The Pied Piper in Pink" because her young fans faithfully follow her band, Moey's Music Party, from gig to gig.

Levis, who has written for numerous Off-Broadway productions, discovered the joys of singing to children after the birth of her son. As music director of a New York City pre-school, she honed her skills and developed a real sense of the kind of music that

children find inspiring. She has been profiled in The New York Times, New York Post, The Huffington Post, Time Out NY Kids and numerous other publications. New York Family magazine called her "Part Auntie Mame, part Mary Poppins, part Maria Von Trapp." Her off-Broadway family musical, "Moey Live - P is for Party", won critical raves.

She was a recent panelist at Kindiefest, the national family

music conference. She graduated from Brown University and received an MFA from the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. She lives in New York City with her husband and son.

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills. For more information and ticket sales, contact the box office at 631-656-2148 or visit [www.DHPAC.org](http://www.DHPAC.org).