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## **Asolo Rep Announces ARTIST IN THE JUNGLE Art Contest; In Celebration of the World Premiere of *JUNGLE BOOK* this June**

(SARASOTA, February 13, 2018) — In celebration of Asolo Rep's world premiere of *JUNGLE BOOK* this June, the theatre will present an **Artist in the Jungle** art contest. The theatre has collaborated with three local artists who have created artwork especially for this contest. February's artwork was created by [Michael White](#), March's piece was created by [Linda Richichi](#), and April's art was created by Jen Emm.

The first place winners in each age category will be treated to the VIP **JUNGLE BOOK** Opening Night experience on June 9, with four tickets to the opening night dinner and performance, photo opportunities and more. There will be first, second and third place finalists in each category and all finalists' work will be featured at a reception at 530 Burns Gallery. All submitted artwork will be displayed at Asolo Rep during the run of **JUNGLE BOOK**, and participants will receive a coupon for discounted tickets to the production.

Contestants will be judged in age categories: 5-7, 8-11, 12-18, with the 12-18 year-old category having the option to create their own **Artist in the Jungle** image. Artists may color, paint, collage or otherwise finish the artwork following the pull of their own imaginations, inspiration, and taste! Submissions should remain two-dimensional; any collage or texture elements should be flat and firmly adhered to the page.

Participants can visit Asolo Rep's website ([www.asolorep.org](http://www.asolorep.org)) or Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/AsoloRep](http://www.facebook.com/AsoloRep)) to download and print a copy of each month's artwork, a black and white replica of a local artist's take on the world of **JUNGLE BOOK**. New

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drawings will be available for download on Valentine's Day (February 14), St. Patrick's Day (March 17) and April Fools' Day (April 1).

All submissions must be postmarked by Monday, April 23 and can be submitted via mail:

**Asolo Repertory Theatre**  
**Attn: Artist in the Jungle**  
**5555 N. Tamiami Trail**  
**Sarasota, FL 34243**

Or submissions can be dropped off at the Asolo Rep Box Office, located at the FSU Center for the Performing Arts at 5555 N. Tamiami Trail.

**Winners will be notified and announced on Friday, May 4. Artwork, contest rules and regulations, submission guidelines and more information are available by visiting: [www.asolorep.org/artistinthejungle](http://www.asolorep.org/artistinthejungle)**

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## **ABOUT JUNGLE BOOK**

**June 6–June 24**

**By CRAIG FRANCIS and RICK MILLER**

**Based on the book by RUDYARD KIPLING**

**Directed by CRAIG FRANCIS and RICK MILLER**

**Produced by Kidoons/WYRD Productions, Montréal CA**

From the oceans to the jungle — Asolo Rep is thrilled to present this world premiere from the creators of the hit show *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*. Using the same jaw-dropping multimedia theatrical approach, *Jungle Book* reimagines Kipling's classic stories through modern eyes to transport audiences to the world's jungles. From Mowgli the Man-Cub to Baloo the Bear, Kaa the Snake and more, *Jungle Book* brings the characters audiences know and love to life while also introducing some of the other colorful inhabitants of Kipling's books. Through eye-popping video, interactive technology and the whimsical and soulful stories, poems and songs from the original novel, this time honored tale promises to be a feast for the senses.

RECOMMENDED FOR EVERYONE AGES 5+

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