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## Personal, Heartwarming Story from Behind the Scenes in the Upcoming Mulan Musical

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Acting Up, the young performer's community theatre based in Mason, is once again setting the bar for productions here in Cincinnati; but this time it carries a heartwarming, personal behind the scenes story. In 2008 director, Dan Docherty and his wife, Amy, adopted their youngest daughter, Kayla, from China. It was from this experience that their passion for the show Mulan stems. Director Dan, as the performers affectionately yet respectfully call him, said, "It was then when in China, that our family fell in love with the Chinese people and culture – we will be forever linked." This show is an expression of the importance of family, traditions, culture, and honor.

Although there are many features that make this performance a "standout", one that catches the attention of many is the detail of inclusion. This musical incorporates actors from multiple school districts, as well as a few home schooler's, to combine talent from across the city. The ages of these 80 artists are also as varied as their background, from ages 6 years to 18 years with special Younger spot light performers during intermission.

The production is set back in the legendary, story-telling days of ancient China with this action-packed stage adaptation of Disney's Mulan. During your journey to China you will experience an authentic Tai Chi Opening and maidens performing a traditional Fan Dance, all of which have been specially designed for this show. You will also witness the songs and dances that have made this Disney classic musical so special with favorites like Reflection, I'll Make a Man out of You, and Keep 'Em Guessin'. It is their hope that Mulan will be more than just a great musical, but will become a catalyst to encourage people to learn more about the culture, traditions, and the power of one person to make a difference.

There will be four shows of "Disney's Mulan Jr." at the Mason High School Theater, 6100 Mason Montgomery Road. Performances of "Disney's Mulan, Jr." will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 16; 2 p.m., (sign language interpreter will be provided) and 7 p.m., Saturday, April 17; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18. Tickets are \$10 each (\$8 seniors) and are available online at [www.ActingUp.com](#) or at the box office starting one hour before the show. For more information you may call 513-494-6062

Two performers, Abby Docherty and Caleb Redslob from the upcoming Mulan Musical by Acting Up practice their performance moves in preparation for the opening night.

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