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**May 17, 2009**

**Hoochi-Doo Productions and The Sonoma Charter School to present  
“The Secret Garden”**

Award winning, Sonoma based theater company Hoochi-Doo Productions and The Sonoma Charter School will present their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sonoma Summer Musical, *The Secret Garden*, July 10-26, 2009 at The Playbox, Sonoma Charter School, 17202 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma, CA.

*The Secret Garden*, winner of three Tony Awards, is based on the beloved 1909 novel of the same name by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The musical's book and lyrics are by Marsha Norman, with music by Lucy Simon. Directed by Cindy Brillhart-True with musical direction by Chris Alexander and costume design by Linda Rawls, this beautiful and uplifting musical tells the story of Mary Lennox, a young English girl born and raised in the British Raj, who must move to England to live with her uncle after the death of her parents in India. While living at the manor house, Mary discovers a secret garden hidden in the grounds and releases the love and adventures locked inside. Magical and haunting, *The Secret Garden* teaches us that through adverse situations we often find hope and life renewed! *The Secret Garden* is a treasure for people of all ages.

*The Secret Garden* features a cast of local favorites and other talented Bay Area residents. Sonoma residents Grace Cutting, Francesca Weiner, Cindy Brillhart-True, Jeremy Berrick, Julia Holsworth, Emma Palace, Jill Valavanis, Emma Conlon, Adrienne Valavanis, Maeve O'Reilly, and Alice Fellows, join Devon Hayakawa of Davis, J. Anthony Martin, Heather Lee, Elliot Simon, and Seth Clayton of Santa Rosa, Eric Batz of Petaluma, Elspeth Kohler of Novato, Karen Hirst and Sean Clancy of San Rafael, Carson Campbell of Corte Madera, Bob Carver and Blythe Carver of Glen Ellen, and Colleen Fogarty of Rohnert Park in this delightful, moving tale.

*The Secret Garden* will perform Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 3pm July 10-26, 2009. To purchase tickets, or for more information, call (707) 332-0621 or email [tickets@hoochidoo.com](mailto:tickets@hoochidoo.com). Advance tickets are also available in-person at Readers Books, 130 E. Napa St. in Sonoma. Visit [www.hoochidoo.com](http://www.hoochidoo.com) for more information.