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**Aspen Community School Presents 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Musical, a Tribute  
to Fiction's Best-Known Detective**

April 18, 2013 (Aspen CO) — Tickets go on sale Friday, April 19, for the Aspen Community School's annual musical at the Wheeler Opera House in Aspen, May 2 and 3. This year's completely original production is **Sherlock Holmes**, performed by all 127 kindergarten through eighth-grade students at the public charter school.

Tickets cost \$18 and are available at [aspenshowtix.com](http://aspenshowtix.com) and the Wheeler Opera House box office. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m.

The musical is based on two of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's favorite stories, both from *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*: "The Red-Headed League" and "A Scandal in Bohemia." Students will share their interpretations of beloved characters like Dr. Watson, Irene Adler, and the villainous John Clay, along with stock Victorian characters like charity ladies and street urchins.

Teachers, staff, students, and alumni all contributed to **Sherlock Holmes**, creating the music, script, sets, and costumes from scratch. Director Lou Rae Doyle heads up the production, with music direction by Stuart LaCroix, costumes by Hilary Forsyth, sets by Chris Faison, and Patricia Bukur as producer.

Aspen Community School is a public charter school of the Aspen School District, offering equal and tuition-free access to a small school environment, low student/teacher ratio, award-winning curriculum, and integrated arts program. Currently, the school is raising capital to replace its aging log facilities and rebuild its campus in Woody Creek. The state of Colorado awarded ACS a \$4.2 million BEST grant, if the school can raise its match by May 1. To learn more about the campaign and to donate, please go to [ibelieveacs.org](http://ibelieveacs.org) and to <http://igg.me/at/BEST>.