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ATLANTA, GA, USA, March 25, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- BROADWAY'S MELISSA VAN DER SCHYFF TO STAR IN DEVELOPMENT PRODUCTION OF 'ROCKET BOYS' MUSICAL PREMEIRING APRIL 17th THROUGH MAY 10th

Multiple Award Nominee Melissa Van Der Schyff, star of hit Broadway shows "BONNIE & CLYDE" and "BIG RIVER", has joined the cast of "ROCKET BOYS" to portray the iconic role of Elsie Hickam, Mother of Homer Hickam in the official developmental run in Atlanta, GA at The Legacy Theatre.

"I am incredibly excited to be working on this thrilling new musical with Homer and such a talented creative team," says Melissa. "With soaring melodies and heartfelt book & lyrics, [it] is incredibly inspiring, as it challenges us all to search beyond our circumstances and reach toward our greatest potential."

Homer Hickam, author of the New York Times #1 best-selling novel Rocket Boys and lead character of the Universal Pictures film, "OCTOBER SKY," (starring Jake Gyllenhaal as Homer) is heading up the creative team. Along with several Broadway veterans, are assembling the pieces for an expected New York run.

"ROCKET BOYS" the multiple award-winning musical, is based on the book about a misfit coalminer's son who recruits some skeptical friends to join him in his quest to build rockets and conquer space. Following three successful regional productions, it is being produced this Spring by Atlanta's Legacy Theatre, a professional regional house which also developed "Jane Eyre", among others.

The Music & Lyrics are composed by Dan Tramon and Diana Belkowski, the team behind the award-winning musical "FLYER", which has played regionally around the country. Hickam co-author the show's book with Broadway's Carl Anthony Tramon.

Homer Hickam, a former NASA engineer, is the author of 14 best-sellers published in multiple languages around the globe, with Rocket Boys/October Sky is one of the most read books on school and community reading lists around the world. A winner of many writing awards, his next novel Carrying Albert Home published by HarperCollins is set to release this October.

"ROCKET BOYS" at the Legacy Theatre runs from April 17th - May 10th, 2015.

For more information, go to www.RocketBoysTheMusical.com or www.TheLegacyTheatre.org.

Both Melissa and Homer are available for phone, Skype and In-studio (availability depending). For interviews please contact Allen Media Strategies' Erika Schaefer at

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