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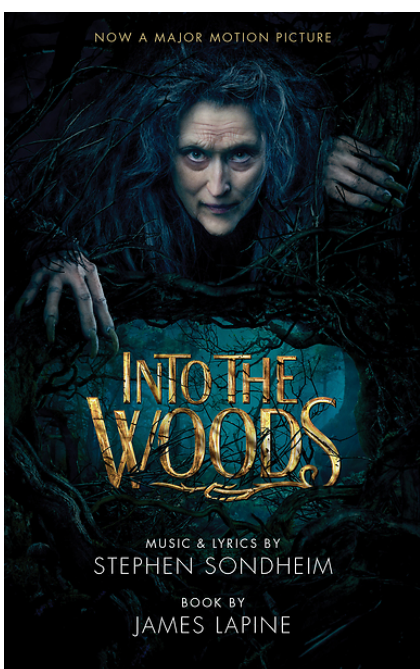
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## **TCG Publishes Movie Tie-In Edition of *Into the Woods* by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine**



NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of the movie tie-in edition of *Into the Woods*, with lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim** and book by **James Lapine**. The screen adaptation of the classic musical is being released by Disney Pictures on December 25, 2014. This new edition includes eight full-color pages of photos from the movie.

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*Into the Woods* brings to musical life Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Ridinghood, Rapunzel and other well-known fairy-tale characters. Interwoven with these classic tales is the story of the baker and his wife, whose longing for a child is

thwarted by the mischievous witch who lives next door. Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine have fashioned a modern musical classic which has been performed countless times all over the world since its Tony Award-winning debut in 1987. Sondheim's songs, seamlessly melded into Lapine's text, are perfect expressions of character and action, which reflect the complications of living in modern society and the difficult choices we encounter on the paths of our lives. *Into the Woods* is now brought vividly to life for the first time on screen by director Rob Marshall, the filmmaker behind the Academy Award-winning musical *Chicago*.

**Stephen Sondheim** wrote the lyrics for *West Side Story* and *Gypsy*, and the complete scores (music and lyrics) for *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Into the Woods*, *Company*, *A Little Night Music*, *Follies*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Assassins*, *Passion*, *Pacific Overtures*, and *Sweeney Todd*, among others. He has won seven Tony Awards, eight Grammy Awards, an Academy Award, and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and many other honors.

**James Lapine** wrote the book for and directed the musicals *Into the Woods*, *Passion*, and *Sunday in the Park with George* (all with scores by Stephen Sondheim) and *Falsettos*, *A New Brain*, *Muscles*, and *Little Miss Sunshine* (all with scores by William Finn). He has written and directed numerous plays, and has received three Tony Awards, five Drama Desk awards, and the Pulitzer Prize.

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**By Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine**

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