INTO THE WOODS
Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine

Playwrights: Stephen Sondheim was born on March 22, 1930 in New York City. Many of his shows have become huge hits, and in 2008 the American Theatre Wing awarded him with a special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement. Sondheim is currently in his early eighties and has a book out called *Finishing the Hat: Collected Lyrics (1954-1981) with Attendant Comments, Principles, Heresies, Grudges, Whines and Anecdotes.* James Lapine was born in 1949 in Mansfield, Ohio and moved to Stamford, Connecticut with his family in his early teens. Lapine won an Obie award for his production of Photograph by Gertrude Stein. Mr. Lapine currently resides in New York City.

Director: Richard Davis, WOU Faculty

Performance Dates: February 24-26 and March 2-4, 2000

Play: From the combination of Cinderella, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Little Red Riding Hood comes the story of a couple desperately in want of a child. Having been cursed with childlessness by a witch, the couple must complete various tasks involving characters from the other stories in order to break the curse. Once the Baker and his wife complete the required tasks they come to understand the consequences of greed and gluttony. They finally learn about the need for community and family when everyone must come together to fight the vengeful widow of the giant from Jack and the beanstalk.

