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Come Howl with “Peter and the Wolf”

Tempe, AZ -- Childsplay, Arizona’s award-winning theatre company for young audiences and families, is sending their production of “Peter and the Wolf” out on national tour. Setting out in October for an 8-week, multi-state tour, this production tells the classic cautionary tale of Peter, his grandfather, a duck, a cat, a bird, hunters and, of course, a wolf!

Peter and his grandfather, along with the duck, the cat, the wolf and the hunters make up the cast of this well-loved story and a memorable musical theme accompanies each character through the play. This innovative piece by Austin playwright Allison Gregory provides a delightful introduction to theatre and classical orchestration for the youngest of audiences as Prokofiev’s evocative music gets an exciting new riff.

This production marks the continuation of a successful relationship for Childsplay and American playwright, Allison Gregory. Previously, Ms. Gregory wrote “Even Steven Goes to War” (AriZoni Best New Script Award; AATE and UPRP awards; Kennedy Center New Visions/New Voices series) and co-wrote “Go, Dog, Go!” with her husband, Steven Dietz. Ms. Gregory has worked with South Coast Repertory (Costa Mesa), A.C.T. (Seattle) and A.S.K. Theatre Projects (L.A.). This is the third time Ms. Gregory has worked with Childsplay.

Childsplay’s artistic director and founder David Saar is the director of this production.

Synopsis

“Early one morning, Peter opened the garden gate and walked out into the great, green meadow.” It was a tempting meadow and a dangerous one. Beyond the gate of Grandfather’s house and deep in the meadow, lived a wolf! Peter is a curious boy and, though warned by his protective grandfather, is not afraid of the wolf. But once the wolf eats Peter’s friend, the duck, Peter decides something must be done. Supported by his friends, cat and bird, Peter must rely on his bravery to capture the wolf and his sense of friendship to save it.

Childsplay, Inc. is a nonprofit theatre company of professional, adult artists who perform for and teach young audiences and their families. The mission of Childsplay is “to create theatre so strikingly original in form, content or both, that it instills in young people an enduring awe, love and respect for the medium, thus preserving imagination and wonder, the hallmarks of childhood which are keys to the future.” For information on Childsplay performances, classes or educational presentations please call 480.921-5700.
