

## Childsplay's 2009-10 Season

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### CHILDSPLAY NEWS RELEASE

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## Childsplay Announces 2009-2010 Season

Tempe, AZ – Childsplay, Arizona's professional theatre company for young audiences, is thrilled to announce its 2009-2010 season at the Tempe Center for the Arts. Childsplay is offering six productions for the public through May 2010 including one world premiere, three old favorites, two musicals and three page-to-stage adaptations.

All ticket prices remain the same as last season. Childsplay Play Passes (flexible subscription packages customized for families) are on sale through the Childsplay website at [www.childsplayaz.org](http://www.childsplayaz.org). Single tickets will be on sale at the theater box office starting in early August. Play passes cost between \$15 and \$18 each depending on quantity and date purchased. Single tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$20 for children, students and seniors plus applicable box office charges; Balcony Two seating \$20/\$15. Each production will have one discounted preview performance with a general admission ticket price of \$12. The preview performance is sponsored by Target.

### ***Honus and Me***

By Steven Dietz

Based on the book by Dan Gutman

The discovery of a rare Honus Wagner baseball card presents 12-year-old Joey Stoshack with a moral dilemma – and a magical opportunity to gain confidence and determination from one of baseball's finest.

Previews: September 19 and 20 at 4 p.m. (\$12 discounted tickets)

September 26 to October 11, 2009

Tempe Center for the Arts -- Theater

Recommended for age six and older.

***Androcles and the Lion***

By Aurand Harris

Ancient Rome provides the backdrop for this delightfully humorous adaptation of one of Aesop's favorite fables, presented in classic *commedia dell'arte* style and exploring issues of friendship, trust and freedom.

Preview: October 25 at 4 p.m. (\$12 discounted tickets)

October 31 to November 15, 2009

Tempe Center for the Arts -- Studio

Recommended for age five and older.

***Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Santa Smells***

By Allison Gregory

Based on the books by Barbara Park

That lovable imp Junie B. Jones takes center stage just in time for the holidays! A world-premiere based on three of Barbara Park's best-selling books recreates the world of intrigue that is Room One.

Preview: November 15 at 4 p.m. (\$12 discounted tickets)

November 21 to December 27, 2009

Tempe Center for the Arts -- Theater

Recommended for age four and older.

***Peter and the Wolf***

By Allison Gregory

Music by Hummie Mann

Prokofiev's musical themes get a shiny new spin to accompany the cautionary folk tale of Peter, his grandfather and his animal friends. Help us welcome this exciting new production home after a triumphant national tour.

Preview: January 24 at 4 p.m. (\$12 discounted tickets)

January 30 to March 13, 2010

Tempe Center for the Arts -- Studio

Recommended for ages three and older.

***Tomato Plant Girl***

By Wesley Middleton

Everyone knows a Bossy Best Friend ... but what happens when you find yourself behaving just like your Bossy Best Friend? Friendship, peer pressure and exclusion issues are all explored in this allegorical comedy.

Preview: April 10 at 1 p.m. (\$12 discounted tickets)

April 10 to 18, 2010

Tempe Center for the Arts -- Studio

Recommended for ages five and older.

***The Big Friendly Giant***

By David Wood

Adapted from the book by Roald Dahl

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Kids big and small will delight in this adaptation of Roald Dahl's modern fairy tale in which the orphan Sophie and her newfound friend The BFG demonstrate that heroes come in all sizes.

Preview: April 25 at 4 p.m. (\$12 discounted tickets)

May 1 to 23, 2010

Tempe Center for the Arts -- Theater

Recommended for ages five and older.

All performances will take place at the Tempe Center for the Arts (700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe). For box office information, please call 480-350-2822 or visit [www.childsplayaz.org/box office](http://www.childsplayaz.org/box%20office)

For more information visit [www.childsplayaz.org](http://www.childsplayaz.org)

**Please note:** Childsplay's administrative offices are located in the Sybil B. Harrington Campus for Imagination and Wonder at Mitchell Park, 900 S. Mitchell Dr., Tempe, Arizona 85281. Main office phone: 480-921-5700.

This is Childsplay's proposed season: dates, venues, and titles may change.

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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 or visit our website at [www.childsplayaz.org](http://www.childsplayaz.org).

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