

Childsplay's 2008-09 Season

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Rock Paper Scissors: **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

Tempe, AZ – Childsplay, Arizona's professional theatre company for young audiences and families, concludes its 2008-2009 season at the Tempe Center for the Arts with three encore performances of ***Rock Paper Scissors***. After a highly successful spring tour of Arizona schools and a sold-out run in the Tempe Center for the Arts Studio, ***Rock Paper Scissors*** returns for three public weekend performances on June 6, 7 and 14 at 2 pm in the TCA Studio.

Created through collaboration between Childsplay and a Los Angeles-based team of Corey Madden, Laural Meade and Keith Mitchell, ***Rock Paper Scissors*** explores 21st century storytelling as two comic characters get caught in a conflict between 'analog' and 'digital' culture in a play without words but filled with games, visual images, music and sound.

Rock Paper Scissors was made possible through the Multi-Arts Production (MAP) Fund with local support from SRP. The MAP Fund is a program of Creative Capital supported by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation. Childsplay is the recipient of a

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\$27,000 grant for new works in live performance. Of more than 600 proposals, Childsplay was one of only 38 projects to receive this highly coveted support for the development of its 2009 world premiere of *Rock Paper Scissors*. The grant helps develop and support the show, while the donation from SRP supports school touring of this production.

About the MAP Fund -- The Rockefeller Foundation created The Multi-Arts Production Fund in 1988 to support innovation and cross-cultural exploration in theatre, dance and music. Among the longest-lived programs in arts philanthropy, Creative Capital has administered MAP since 2001. In 2008, the program became the recipient of a three-year, \$3.3 million support grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

Rock Paper Scissors Co-conceived by Corey Madden and Laural Meade

Directed by **Corey Madden**
Set Design by **Keith Mitchell**
Costume Design by **D. Daniel Hollingshead**
Lighting Design by **Dori Brown**
Original Music and Sound Design by **Bruno Louchouarn**

THE CAST:

Ollie	Jon Gentry
Yuki	David Dickenson

Most enjoyed by young people age four and older.

Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) Studio
700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe
Tickets on sale at TCA Box Office – **480-350-2822**
All tickets \$18 – general admission
www.childsplayaz.org/boxoffice

Weekend Schedule: Saturday, June 6 at 2 p.m.
Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m.
Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m.

A resource guide for parents and teachers is available at the Childsplay website www.childsplayaz.org. The guide contains background information on the production, a full synopsis of the story, related activities, a booklist of recommended reading, topics to discuss before and after viewing the production.

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Childsplay also offers field trip performances on weekday mornings. For more information about Field Trips contact Beth Olson at bolson@childsplayaz.org or 480-921-5757.

Please note: Childsplay's administrative offices have moved to the new Sybil B. Harrington Campus for Imagination and Wonder at Mitchell Park (formerly Mitchell School), 900 S. Mitchell Dr., Tempe, Arizona 85281. Main office phone: 480-921-5700.

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.

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