

Childsplay's 2008-09 Season

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***Rock, Paper, Scissors:*
Childsplay Hands the Valley a World Premiere!**

Tempe, AZ – Childsplay, Arizona’s professional theatre company for young audiences and families, continues its 2008-2009 season at the Tempe Center for the Arts with its innovative and cutting-edge production, ***Rock, Paper, Scissors***. Directed by Corey Madden, this play is a contemporary re-imagining of the Master/Apprentice relationship. ***Rock, Paper, Scissors*** opens in the Studio at Tempe Center for the Arts on Saturday, February 28 at 4 p.m. and runs through Sunday, March 8. There will be a Target Storybook Preview on Saturday, February 28 at 1 p.m.

Created through a 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 this brand new theatre event filled with games, visual images, music and sound, a master craftsman and his young protégé grapple with their colliding creative styles as they try to live and work together.

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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 \$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 Multi-Arts Production Fund was created by the Rockefeller Foundation 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.

The **Target Storybook Preview Performance** will be on Saturday, February 8 at 1 p.m. with general admission tickets discounted at \$12. Tickets for all other performances are \$18. Additional box office fees may be charged. Tickets go on sale January 12, 2009.

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**
Sound Design by **Bruno Louchouarn**

THE CAST:

Ollie	Jon Gentry
Yuki	David Dickenson

Most enjoyed by young people age five and older.

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

Target Storybook Preview:

Saturday, February 28 at 1 p.m. (all tickets discounted at \$15)

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday, February 28 at 1 and 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 1 at 1 and 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 7 at 1 and 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 8 at 1 p.m.

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

Childsplay also provides educational field trip performances Tuesday through Friday 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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