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Lifeline Theatre Announces Spring/Summer 2014 Kid & Family Events – Please List

Rogers Park's award-winning Lifeline Theatre continues bringing educational opportunities to children

WHAT: ***Stories Come Alive! Hour*** - Every Saturday and Sunday at noon during the runs of ***"The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!"*** and ***"Lyle Finds His Mother"*** (between the 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. performances), children can get up-close and personal with the book behind the play with an interactive storytelling session followed by on-your-feet theatre games.

WHEN: January 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26; February 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16; March 22, 23, 29 and 30; April 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27; 12-1 p.m.

WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL. Handicapped accessible.
Parking available (street and lot – see below); CTA accessible (Red Line Morse stop/buses).
Free designated parking lot west of the theatre at the NE corner of Morse and Ravenswood.

TICKETS: \$5 per child; 773-761-4477 (reservations recommended but not required)

WHAT: ***KidSeries Open House: "Lyle Finds His Mother"*** - At this free event, families will meet the cast and production team from Lifeline's world premiere spring 2014 KidSeries musical, ***"Lyle Finds His Mother,"*** and experience a 'sneak peek' preview of a scene and a song from the show. Children of all ages will engage with Lifeline teaching artists while parents enjoy coffee and conversation with Lifeline artists and educators. A great introduction to Lifeline's productions and programming.

WHEN: Saturday, March 1, 2014, 1-2 p.m.

WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL. Handicapped accessible.
Parking available (street and lot – see below); CTA accessible (Red Line Morse stop/buses).
Free designated parking lot west of the theatre at the NE corner of Morse and Ravenswood, with shuttle service to and from the theatre.

ADMISSION: FREE, but reservations are required. Call the Lifeline Theatre box office at 773-761-4477 to RSVP.

WHAT: ***Stories Come Alive! at the Rogers Park Library – "Lyle Finds His Mother"*** - Lifeline teaching artists will read from Bernard Waber's ***"Lyle Finds His Mother"*** and play drama games with children of all ages (parents welcome). Lifeline's children's musical, ***"Lyle Finds His Mother,"*** runs at Lifeline Theatre from March 22–April 27, 2014.

WHEN: Saturday, March 8, 2014, 3-4 p.m.

WHERE: Rogers Park Library, 2nd floor community room, 6907 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL
Parking available (street and lot); CTA accessible (Red Line Morse stop, then west to Clark; buses)

ADMISSION: FREE. Further information at Lifeline Theatre, 773-761-4477.

WHAT: ***Lifeline Theatre's Spring Break Drama Camp*** – Lyle, Lyle, all the while! Campers will explore the characters from Bernard Waber's ***Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile*** and ***Lyle Finds His Mother***, which will be concurrently running on our KidSeries stage. Campers will see a matinee of the show as part of the program (a \$15 value) and share their own performance with their parents on the final day. For ages 5-10 (ask about opportunities for 11-13 year-olds). Extended care options available (call for information).

WHEN: April 14-18, 2014, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL. Handicapped accessible.

TUITION: \$200 per child. Further information and registration at 773-761-4477 and www.lifelinetheatre.com.

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WHAT: **Lifeline Theatre's DRAMA TOTS Summer Class** – Lifeline Theatre's drama classes introduce kids to basic principles of performance and ensemble work. Kids learn not only how to act out stories and characters, but also how to work more patiently and respectfully with their peers, gain confidence, and express themselves better. For ages 4-5.

WHEN: June 16-July 23, 2014, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL. Handicapped accessible.

TUITION: \$120 per child for one class per week (Mondays or Wednesdays), \$200 per child for two classes per week (Mondays and Wednesdays). Further information and registration at 773-761-4477 and www.lifelinetheatre.com.

WHAT: **Lifeline Theatre's DRAMA KIDS Summer Drama Camp** – Lifeline Theatre's Summer Drama Camps introduce kids to basic principles of performance and the kind of work that Lifeline does, namely story adaptation and ensemble work. Over the course of the program, we explore popular children's books and adapt them for the stage, and parents enjoy a performance at the end. In our camps, kids learn not only how to act out stories and characters, but also how to work more patiently and respectfully with their peers, gain confidence, and express themselves better.

Our theme for 2014 is **PAINTING THE STAGE!** This summer, we will explore stories about art-making and the visual imagination. With DRAMA KIDS, we will adapt two different stories from Crockett Johnson's classic *The Adventures of Harold and the Purple Crayon*, culminating in a special performance for family and friends on the final day. For ages 5–6.

WHEN: **Session 1:** June 16-20, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Session 2: June 23-27, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL. Handicapped accessible.

TUITION: \$200 per child per five-day session. Extended care options available. Further information and registration at 773-761-4477 or visit www.lifelinetheatre.com.

WHAT: **Lifeline Theatre's DRAMA STARS Summer Drama Camp** – Lifeline Theatre's Summer Drama Camps introduce kids to basic principles of performance and the kind of work that Lifeline does, namely story adaptation and ensemble work. Over the course of the program, we explore popular children's books and adapt them for the stage, and parents enjoy a performance at the end. In our camps, kids learn not only how to act out stories and characters, but also how to work more patiently and respectfully with their peers, gain confidence, and express themselves better.

Our theme for 2014 is **PAINTING THE STAGE!** This summer, we will explore stories about art-making and the visual imagination. With DRAMA STARS, we will have fun recreating the world of Nina Laden's *When Picasso Met Mootsie*, culminating in a special performance for family and friends on the final day. For ages 7–12.

WHEN: July 7-18, 2014; weekdays 9 a.m. – 12 noon. (half-day), or 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (full day)

WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL. Handicapped accessible.

TUITION: \$650 per child (full-day) or \$395 per child (half-day). Extended care and lunch options available. Further information and registration at 773-761-4477 or visit www.lifelinetheatre.com.

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Now in its 31st season, Lifeline Theatre specializes in original literary adaptations. Its ensemble of artists uses imaginative, unconventional staging to portray sprawling stories in an intimate space. Lifeline is committed to promoting the arts in its Rogers Park neighborhood and is an anchor of the Glenwood Avenue Arts District. We aspire to create art that is relevant to our culturally diverse, increasingly youthful neighborhood. Lifeline Theatre – Big Stories, Up Close.

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