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World Premiere Children's Play "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile" **A Musical Adaptation of Bernard Waber's Book**

WHAT: Lifeline Theatre KidSeries presents the world premiere musical adaptation of "**Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile**" by Bernard Waber, adapted by ensemble member Christina Calvit, music and lyrics by George Howe, and directed by ensemble member Shole Milos. The Primm family is busily moving into their new house on East 88th Street, when suddenly they hear SWISH, SWASH, SPLASH, SWOOSH. A search reveals a crocodile in their bathtub! His name is Lyle, he only eats Turkish caviar, and he quickly becomes a treasured member of the family. This story has been read by loyal fans since 1962, and is now a new musical by the composer of Lifeline's "*Click, Clack, Moo*" and the adaptor of "*Rikki Tikki Tavi*." This production is appropriate for children ages five to ten, and runs about one hour with no intermission.

WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60626
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 free shuttle service before and after the show
Handicapped accessible

WHEN: Press opening Sunday, December 16, 2007, at 1 p.m.
Closes February 3, 2008
Runs Saturdays at 1 p.m., and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Previews on December 15 at 1 p.m., and December 16 at 11 a.m.
Special added weekday 1 p.m. holiday shows on December 24, 26, 27, 28 and 31, 2007; and January 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2008.

TICKETS: 773-761-4477 [*this is the number for the public to call*]
\$10 for both children and adults for all shows
Pay-what-you-can tickets (half-hour before the show – *subject to availability*)
Group rates and other discounts also available on request
Party room available for full-service birthday and special event parties

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STAFF: Lifeline ensemble members **Shole Milos** (Director), **Christina Calvit** (Adaptor), **Alan Donahue** (Scenic and Properties Design), with guest artists **George Howe** (Composer/Lyricist), **Maggie Fullilove-Nugent** (Lighting Design), **Tim Hill** (Sound Design), **Jana Anderson** (Costume Design) and **Kyle Conn** (Stage Manager).

CAST: Ensemble member **James E. Grote** (Mr. Grumps), with guest artists **Danielle Brothers** (Mrs. Primm), **Tom Jansson** (Lyle) and **Stephen Rader** (Mr. Valenti).

NEXT: *"KidsOnstage Columbus Day Workshop"* – Lifeline drama teachers hold a three-hour workshop on drama basics for ages 6-12, on Monday, October 8, 2007, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at Lifeline Theatre, \$25; 773-761-4477 (advance registration recommended)

KidSeries shows include *"The Dirty Cowboy"* (runs 2/23-4/13/08). 2007-2008 MainStage productions will include *"The Island of Dr. Moreau"* (runs 10/12-12/2/07), *"Talking It Over"* (runs 2/1-3/23/08), and *"The Mark of Zorro"* (runs 5/2-6/22/08).

INFO: Theatre marketing info - Frances Limoncelli, 773-761-1772, frances@lifelinetheatre.com

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MISSION: 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 recently received a 25th anniversary Special Jeff Citation Award for their entire body of work.

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