



La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts

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The Kennedy Center on Tour Brings The Phantom Tollbooth to La Mirada Theatre

"So many things are possible just as long as you don't know they're impossible."
—The Phantom Tollbooth

La Mirada, CA, March 18, 2009 – **La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts** and **The Kennedy Center Theater for Young Audiences on Tour** present *The Phantom Tollbooth* as the final production of this season's **Programs for Young Audiences** series at **La Mirada Theatre**. This specially commissioned musical will perform Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Adapted from Norton Juster's beloved children's book, this inventive musical features a melodious score by Arnold Black and witty lyrics full of wordplay by Pulitzer Prize and three-time Tony® winner Sheldon Harnick (*Fiddler on the Roof*, *She Loves Me*). The Phantom Tollbooth is an endearing show that audiences of all ages will find appealing.

Even surrounded by dozens of toys, Milo is bored. Nothing interests him at all. The Demons of Ignorance are certain he will be their next victim, telling him "If you get the urge to do anything—don't. It could be dangerous." To the rescue comes the Phantom Tollbooth!

Norton Juster's beloved children's book is given full musical treatment in this acclaimed stage version of the modern tale of a boy who must save the princesses Rhyme and Reason and reunite the brother Kings who rule over the cities of Dictionopolis and Digitopolis. Aided by a trusty time-keeping dog, Tock, Milo successfully brings harmony to the Land of Wisdom and learns many things about words and numbers along his journey. Perhaps the most important lesson he takes with him, however, is that everything we learn has a purpose and whatever we do affects everything and everyone. When he returns home, he realizes there is never a reason to be bored in a world full of so many things to discover.

LMT's Programs for Young Audiences is designed to give children ages 5 and up exposure to a diverse mix of national and international touring stage acts. All seats are \$8 and are available online at www.lamiradatheatre.com or by calling the La Mirada Theatre Box Office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310. The theatre is located at 14900 La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada, CA. Parking is free.

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The Phantom Tollbooth – This inventive musical for kids from The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. features a melodious score by Arnold Black and witty lyrics full of wordplay by Pulitzer Prize and three-time Tony® winner Sheldon Harnick (*Fiddler on the Roof*). Programs for Young Audiences Series. 2 shows only: 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 5, 2009 at La Mirada Theatre, 14900 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, CA. Tickets: \$8 online at www.lamiradatheatre.com or call the box office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310.