



La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts

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Two Great Shows for Kids Play La Mirada Theatre in February

The Classic Peter and The Wolf and The Frog Bride with David Gonzalez Each Take a Sunday

La Mirada, CA, January 19, 2007 – **La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts** is presenting two great events for children in February as part of the theatre's ongoing **Programs for Young Audiences** series. The Pushcart Players will present their version of the classic tale **Peter and the Wolf** on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007 at 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. and Director Lenard Petit will bring **The Frog Bride with David Gonzalez** to the stage on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 at 1:30 & 3:30 p.m.

Peter and The Wolf is an adaptation of a traditional Russian folk tale set to music by the composer, Sergei Prokofiev. The appeal of this particular story resides in the many levels of interest that may be explored. First, there is the music. A different instrument and melody or "leitmotif" represents each character. These sounds and themes, introduced in the prologue to the play, become an excellent link to understanding and appreciating classical and other music. Then, there is the story – a true adventure. A spirited young boy, confronted by danger meets the challenge with courage, creativity and leadership. Finally, there is all that the story represents - love, friendship, caring, greed, arrogance and prejudice. There is innocence and wisdom, youth and maturity, conflict resolution, moral development and the beauty of the natural order of life. All worthy of celebration! This captivating tale, enriched by glorious music and visual effects will win the hearts of all who view it, while offering a special moment in time for family audiences to share.

When a King sends his three sons to find their brides, two return with fair ladies. The last returns with... A FROG?! **The Frog Bride with David Gonzalez** is a hip adaptation of a classic Russian tale told by consummate storyteller David Gonzalez. Two outstanding musicians weave one of Prokofiev's classics with an original jazz-funk score, as David performs every role against a backdrop of stunning live video projection and moving images by painter Wassily Kandinsky. Filled with comic sparkle, **The Frog Bride with David Gonzalez** is a "ribbiting" coming-of-age story. **The New York Times** wrote this about the show: "Absorbing, funny and suspenseful, it is, in the great tradition of storytelling, enchanting."

Programs for Young Audiences is designed to give children ages 5 and up and their families exposure to a diverse mix of national and international touring stage acts. La Mirada Theatre Executive Director Jeff Brown delights in seeing "...young audiences pouring through the doors of the theatre. The Programs for Young Audiences series was created to introduce young people to the stage, and for many, it is their first experience seeing a live performance."

Peter and the Wolf and **The Frog Bride with David Gonzalez** continue a five-show series that will conclude with **Beauty & the Beast** on March 11, 2007.



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Tickets are available for \$8 or get a subscription to a three-show series for only \$18. Tickets and more information 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 Boulevard in La Mirada, near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue, minutes north of where the 91 and 5 freeways meet. Parking is free.

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PETER AND THE WOLF – This enchanting presentation of the classic musical tale is all about the adventure of growing up. Danger becomes reality and creative innovation becomes essential as young Peter meets the challenge of survival in the outside world. Part of the **Programs for Young Audiences** series at **La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts**, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007 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.

THE FROG BRIDE WITH DAVID GONZALEZ – A hip adaptation of a classic tale told by consummate storyteller David Gonzalez. Two outstanding musicians weave classical music with an original jazz-funk score, as David performs every role against a backdrop of stunning live video projection and moving images. Part of the **Programs for Young Audiences** series at **La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts**, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 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.