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NASHVILLE CHILDREN'S THEATRE ANNOUNCES 2005-06 SEASON

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashville Children's Theatre (NCT) today announced its 2005-06 lineup in what the nationally acclaimed theater group has termed one of its strongest seasons ever. The four productions are *Holes*, *Seussical: The Musical*, *A Woman Called Truth*, and *The Wind in the Willows*.

"I am very excited that we've secured production rights to such terrific plays," said NCT Producing Director Scot Copeland. The blockbuster season includes contemporary stories such as *Holes* and beloved literary works ranging from *The Wind in the Willows* to Dr. Seuss, and the theater is offering extended performance schedules for each of these popular productions. "Throughout the year, we'll be offering more weekend performances for family audiences and special holiday performances, as well," added NCT Managing Director Allison Dillon.

The 2005-06 season begins in October with the opening of *Holes* and will conclude in March with *The Wind in the Willows*. The complete lineup for the season includes:

Holes

October 3-30, 2005

This story, from the award-winning novel by Louis Sachar, tells of Stanley's confinement at Green Lake Camp. Why must he and his campmates dig in the dirt under the hot sun each day? Is this the result of an ancient family curse? This production offers exhilarating adventure, twists, turns, peril and promise for all ages.

Seussical: The Musical

November 14, 2005 - January 15, 2006

The wonderful, wise world of Dr. Seuss makes its way from Broadway to Nashville in a new children's version conceived by Eric Idle and written by Lynn Ahrens and Steven Flaherty. Join the Whos of Whoville in applause for Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz and Lazy Mayzie – to name but a few!

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A Woman Called Truth

January 30 - February 19, 2006

This award-winning play by Sandra Fenichel Asher chronicles the life of one of the 19th century's foremost activists for abolition and women's suffrage, Sojourner Truth. This remarkable play dramatizes her words, her struggle, her courage and her life. It's a moving tribute to an American original.

The Wind in the Willows

March 6 - April 9, 2006

NCT's hilarious and lyrical stage adaptation of *The Wind in the Willows* makes its return. Based on the classic book by Kenneth Grahame with sparkling music in the style of Gilbert and Sullivan, this play was adapted by Scot Copeland and Paul Carrol Binkley. Come and watch Old Badger, friend Rat and the stout-hearted Mole take Toad in hand!

For more information about tickets or how to become a season subscriber, please visit www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org or call (615) 254-9103.

Nashville Children's Theatre is an ensemble of professional artists who bring unique vision and compelling voice to the creation of meaningful theater for young audiences throughout Nashville and Middle Tennessee. NCT is dedicated to making live theater a vital part of the shared experience for young people, families and our community. The theater is a non-profit, professional, Actor's Equity theater that serves 75,000 children and adults each year, and provides more than 7,500 free tickets for schools throughout Middle Tennessee. NCT was recently ranked the fourth best children's theater in the nation by *TIME* magazine.

Founded in 1931 by the Junior League of Nashville, NCT is recognized as the oldest professional children's theater in the country. A national leader in professional theater arts and education programs for young people, NCT offers a full lineup of stage productions and related educational programs. NCT is located at 724 Second Avenue South, directly behind the Metro Howard School Complex (between Lindsley Avenue and Middleton Street).

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