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Lifeline's Fall & Winter 2011/12 Kid & Family Events – Please List

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

WHAT: **Stories Come Alive! "The 13 Clocks"** - Lifeline actors will read from James Thurber's "**The 13 Clocks**" and play drama games with children of all ages (parents welcome too). Lifeline's fall children's adaptation of "**The 13 Clocks**" runs at Lifeline Theatre from October 15 – December 4, 2011.

WHEN: Saturday, October 8, 2011, 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: **Stories Come Alive! Workshops** - Every Sunday at noon during the run of "**The 13 Clocks**" (between the 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. performances), children and their parents can get up close and personal with the book behind the play with an interactive storytelling session, followed by on-your-feet theatre games to explore the characters, plot, and themes in the book. The experience is sure to make positive reading connections between children and books for years to come.

WHEN: October 16, 23, and 30; November 6, 13, 20, and 27; and December 4, 2011, 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: \$10 per child; parents welcome but not required; 773-761-4477 (no advance registration required)

WHAT: **Day After Thanksgiving Workshop: Spontaneous Stories** - Improvisation is the basis of all theatre, and it's fun too! Through a series of games and exercises, actress and educator Amanda Rountree teaches youth ages 7-11 how to create spontaneous stories.

WHEN: Friday, November 25, 2011, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL. Handicapped accessible.
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TICKETS: \$30; 773-761-4477 (advance registration recommended)

TEACHER: **Amanda Rountree** has been performing improvisational theatre professionally since 1992, teaching since 1998, and directing since 2002. Chicago audiences have seen her in *Impress These Apes 2*, *Damascus Steel*, *Don't Spit the Water*, and *Soiree DADA: Shmukt die Hallen*. She is a company member of WNEP and is a resident teaching artist for Lifeline Theatre and the Second City Training Center.

WHAT: **Stories Come Alive! "How To Survive A Fairy Tale"** - Lifeline actors will read classic fairytales and play drama games with children of all ages (parents welcome too). Lifeline's winter children's play, "**How To Survive A Fairy Tale**" (a world premiere fractured fairy tale) runs at Lifeline Theatre from January 7 – February 26, 2012.

WHEN: Saturday, December 17, 2011, 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)

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WHAT: **4th Annual Winter Drama Camp: Favorite Fairy Tales** –In this mini-camp, youth ages 7-11 will come with their favorite fairy tales in mind and create an original play to connect them all together. Plus, campers each receive two complimentary tickets (\$30 value) to Lifeline's winter KidSeries production, "**How To Survive a Fairy Tale**," which runs January 7- February 26, 2012.

WHEN: December 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2011, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL. Handicapped accessible.
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TUITION: \$150 per child for all four days. Further information and registration at 773-761-4477.

TEACHER: **Mechelle Moe** is a founding member of The Hypocrites, and works as an actor, director and teaching artist. She has been featured at TimeLine (*The Children's Hour, Not Enough Air, Paradise Lost*), The Hypocrites (*The Bald Soprano, Angels in America, The Glass Menagerie*), and Court (*What the Butler Saw*). Mechelle received a BA in Theater and BA in Anthropology from the University of Illinois in Chicago, and was awarded a Joseph Jefferson Citation for Principal Actress and After Dark Award for her performance in Sophie Treadwell's *Machinal*.

WHAT: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Workshop: Creating Characters** - Through games, gestures, and voice exercises, kids learn the basics of creating all kinds of theatrical characters. Actress and educator Julie Ganey leads youth ages 7-11.

WHEN: Monday, January 16, 2012, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL. Handicapped accessible.
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TICKETS: \$30; 773-761-4477 (advance registration recommended)

TEACHER: **Julie Ganey** has been working as an actress in Chicago for over twenty years with Victory Gardens, Northlight, the Goodman, Noble Fool, Shattered Globe and Drury Lane. She is currently Outreach Director at Next Theatre, where she leads community members in the creation of civic-based theatre projects. Through her work with Wavelength, an award-winning comedy ensemble that performs for educators, she has created and led workshops for teachers and executives all over the country on communication skills that bridge conflict and improvisation. In the classroom, Ganey has worked with pre-K through college students, and is currently a program creator and instructor for American Girl Place.

WHAT: **Presidents' Day Workshop: All About Adaptations** - From page to stage in just one day! Youth ages 7-11 will learn how to turn their favorite stories into plays in this fun and creative adaptation workshop led by actress and educator Mechelle Moe.

WHEN: Monday, February 20, 2012, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WHERE: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL. Handicapped accessible.
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WHAT: **Stories Come Alive! "Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed"** - Lifeline actors will read from Mo Willem's "**Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed**" and play drama games with children of all ages (parents welcome too). Lifeline's spring children's musical adaptation of "**Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed**" runs at Lifeline Theatre from March 17 – May 6, 2012.

WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 2012, 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)

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Now in its 29th season, Lifeline Theatre is known for specializing 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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