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## **World Premiere Children's Play "The Dirty Cowboy"** **A Musical Adaptation of Chicagoan Amy Timberlake's Book**

**WHAT:** Lifeline Theatre KidSeries presents the world premiere musical adaptation of "**The Dirty Cowboy**" by Amy Timberlake, adapted by ensemble member James E. Grote, original music and lyrics by ensemble member Victoria Delorio and guest artist Jane Baxter Miller, and directed by ensemble member Shore Milos. That ol' cowboy really needs a bath! But once he is squeaky clean, will anyone recognize him? Even the loyal dog that stands guard over his clothes? A side-splitting tale of mistaken identity ensues, as cowboy and canine engage in a musical battle where the cowboy ends up stripped of more than just his dignity! This story by Chicago's Amy Timberlake is a fantastic new discovery, irreverently illustrated by Adam Rex and gleefully brought to life as a brand new musical by three veterans of the KidSeries stage. This production is appropriate for children ages five to ten, and runs about 45 minutes with no intermission.

Book author Amy Timberlake will sign books between shows on Sunday, March 9, 2008, starting at 12 noon, and will also host a post-show discussion starting at 2 p.m. after the second show (please note that Daylight Saving Time begins this day).

**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  
Handicapped accessible

**WHEN:** Press opening Sunday, February 24, 2008, at 1 p.m.  
Closes April 13, 2008  
Runs Saturdays at 1 p.m., and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Previews on February 23 at 1 p.m., and February 24 at 11 a.m.

**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), **James E. Grote** (Adaptor and Lyrics), **Victoria Delorio** (Original Music and Lyrics), with guest artists **Pete Dully** (Lighting Design), **Chelsea Warren** (Scenic and Props Design), **Chantal Calato** (Costume Design), **Jane Baxter Miller** (also Original Music and Lyrics) and **Jon Mercado** (Stage Manager).
- CAST:** **Christina Hall** (Eustace), **Jacqueline Krupka** (Cowgirl), **Ezekiel Sulkes** (Cowboy), and **David Fink** (understudy).
- NEXT:** *"The Mark of Zorro"* runs 5/2-6/22/08. Also, Lifeline's summer drama camp, *KidsOnStage*, will run July 14-25, 2008; and the Glenwood Avenue Arts Festival will run August 22-24, 2008. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival take place on Glenwood Avenue, 6900 – 7000 North (between Farwell and Lunt) and the 1400 block of Morse Avenue, steps from the Morse Ave stop on the CTA Red Line, free parking nearby. Featuring arts and crafts, theater, music, food and drink for the whole family on the cobblestone streets of historic Rogers Park. Info at 773-262-3790 and [www.rogerspark.com](http://www.rogerspark.com)
- INFO:** Theatre marketing info - Frances Limoncelli, 773-761-1772, [frances@lifelinetheatre.com](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Special Jeff Citation Award for their entire body of work.

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