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**Lifeline Theatre KidSeries Presents *Lyle Finds His Mother*,  
World Premiere Musical Based on the Popular Children's Book Opens March 23  
Plus *Stories Come Alive! Hour* Workshops Every Saturday and Sunday During the Run**

CHICAGO – Lifeline Theatre's KidSeries presents *Lyle Finds His Mother*, a world premiere musical based on the beloved children's book Bernard Waber, adapted by **Jessica Wright Buha**, with music and lyrics by **Michael James Brooks**, and directed by Lifeline Theatre Artistic Director **Dorothy Milne**. Lyle loves his life with the Primms in the house on East 88th Street. But everything changes when Hector P. Valenti, Star of Stage and Screen, returns with an offer to take Lyle to meet his mother in the land of the crocodile. Should Lyle trust the devious showman? And will his adopted family understand his desire to meet his birth mother? Travel the world on a journey of hilarity and heart in this world premiere musical for the entire family. This production is recommended for children ages five and up (children under two not permitted), and runs one hour with no intermission. The book will be on sale in the lobby.

*Lyle Finds His Mother* runs Saturday, March 22–Sunday, April 27 (no performances Easter Sunday, April 20) at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. **Press opening is Sunday, March 23 at 1 p.m.** Regular performance times are Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Previews are Saturday, March 22 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and Sunday, March 23 at 11 a.m.) Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Lifeline Theatre Box Office, 773.761.4477, or by visiting [www.lifelinetheatre.com](http://www.lifelinetheatre.com).

**PLUS:** Join Lifeline Theatre every Saturday and Sunday at 12 p.m. (except Easter Sunday, April 20) during the run of *Lyle Finds His Mother* (following the 11 a.m. show, or before the 1 p.m. show) for our **Stories Come Alive! Hour**. Children will get up-close and personal with the book behind the play with an interactive storytelling session and on-your-feet theatre games. The cost is only \$5 per child. Reservations are recommended, though not required. Contact Lifeline Theatre at 773-761-4477 for more information.

The complete cast and production team for *Lyle Finds His Mother* includes:

**CAST:** Guest artists **Linsey Falls** (Hector P. Valenti, Mr. Primm), **Anthony Kayer** (Lyle), **Deanna Myers** (Lyle's Mother), **Erin O'Shea** (Mrs. Primm), and **Brian Tochterman Jr.** (Joshua). With understudies **Chris Ballou** and **Marissa Lessman**.

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**CREW:** Lifeline Theatre ensemble members **Alan Donahue** (Scenic & Properties Designer) and **Dorothy Milne** (Director); with guest artists **Michael James Brooks** (Composer, Lyricist & Sound Designer), **Jessica Wright Buha** (Adaptor), **Benjamin W. Dawson** (Production Manager), **Erin Gallagher** (Costume Designer), **Katie Messmore** (Stage Manager), **Danny Osburn** (Lighting Designer), and **Joe Schermoly** (Technical Director).

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Lifeline Theatre also offers “Name Your Price” tickets a half-hour before the show (subject to availability), group rates and other discounts available upon request. A party room is available for full-service birthday and special event parties. Free parking is available at the designated lot west of the theatre (NE corner of Morse and Ravenswood) with free shuttle service before and after the show. Street parking is also available and Lifeline Theatre is handicapped and CTA accessible (Red Line Morse stop/busses).

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Now in its 31<sup>st</sup> season, 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 – Big Stories, Up Close.

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