

“BRAVE POTATOES” Fact Sheet

- WHAT:** Lifeline Theatre KidSeries presents the world premiere kids’ musical, a stirring tale of spudly courage, **BRAVE POTATOES**, based on the popular book by **Toby Speed** and **Barry Root**, adapted by Lifeline ensemble member **James E. Grote**, music and lyrics by **George Howe**, directed by Lifeline ensemble member **Shole Milos** (the same trio that brought *CLICK, CLACK, MOO*; *GIGGLE, GIGGLE, QUACK*; and *DEEP IN THE JUNGLE* to the Lifeline stage). **BRAVE POTATOES** chronicles the heroic adventures of three young potatoes who must defeat the chowder-making Chef Hackemup to save themselves, while reminding us that vegetables have feelings too. The show runs approximately 50 minutes with no intermission and is recommended for ages five and up. KidSeries is in its 19th anniversary season.
- WHERE:** Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. Chicago, IL 60626
Parking available (street & lot – see below); CTA accessible (Red Line Morse stop and busses)
Free lot parking until midnight three blocks north of the theatre in the Trilogy lot (Estes & Glenwood)
- WHEN:** Press Opening Sunday, April 9, 2006 at 1 PM
Runs Saturdays at 11 AM & 1 PM, and Sundays at 1 PM through 6/4/06
Previews on 4/8 at 11 AM and 1 PM
- TICKETS:** 773.761.4477 [*this is the number for the public to call*]
\$9; pay-what-you-can at the door (half-hour before the show - *subject to availability*)
Group rates and other discounts also available on request
Party room also available for full-service birthday and special event parties
- STAFF:** **Toby Speed** (Author), **Barry Root** (Illustrator), Lifeline ensemble members **James E. Grote** (Adaptor) and **Shole Milos** (Director). Other staff includes **George Howe** (Composer, Lyricist, Musical Director), **Lee Brasuell** (Scenic Design), **Maggie Fullilove-Nugent** (Lighting Design), **Michelle Tesdall** (Costume Design), **Adam Kozlowski** (Sound Design), **Geoff Coates** (Fight Choreography), **Linda Laake** (Props Design), **Jonathan Givens** (Puppet Design) and **Kim Kozak** (Stage Manager).
- CAST:** **Tom Jansson** (Kenny), **Paul Myers** (Chef Hackemup), **Jason Phillips** (Russ), **Roxanne Saylor** (Frances).
- NEXT:** Lifeline will conclude its 23rd anniversary season with *GAUDY NIGHT* by Dorothy L. Sayers, running 5/19-7/30/06, adapted by Lifeline ensemble member Frances Limoncelli and directed by Lifeline artistic director Dorothy Milne, featuring Lifeline ensemble members Jenifer Tyler as Harriet Vane and Peter Greenberg as Lord Peter Wimsey.
- INFO:** General theatre info - 773.761.4477, www.lifelinetheatre.com
Theatre marketing info - Frances Limoncelli, 773.761.1772, frances@lifelinetheatre.com
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- MISSION:** Now in its 23rd season, Lifeline Theatre and its artistic ensemble of writers, directors, designers and performers collaboratively develop literary adaptations and original theater. Lifeline’s innovative artistic and education programs for adults, children and families bring engaging and reflective stories to life.
- MEDIA:** Tree Falls Productions, 773.856.6767 [*do not publish; for media ONLY to call*], kmckie@msn.com
Media passes, photographs, interviews and additional materials available.
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