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Hit Family Musical “Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile” **Returns to Lifeline for Special Run in June and July** **- Dads Get Half Price Tickets on Fathers Day, June 15 -**

WHAT: Due to the successful initial run at their Rogers Park home from December 16, 2007, to February 3, 2008 (in addition to a week at Arlington Heights’ Metropolis in February), Lifeline Theatre KidSeries will remount the hit family musical adaptation of **“Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile”** by Bernard Waber, adapted by ensemble member Christina Calvit, music and lyrics by George Howe, and directed by ensemble member Shole Milos. The Primm family is busily moving into their new house on East 88th Street, when suddenly they hear SWISH, SWASH, SPLASH, SWOOSH. A search reveals a crocodile in their bathtub! His name is Lyle, he only eats Turkish caviar, and he quickly becomes a treasured member of the family. This story has been read by loyal fans since 1962, and is now a new musical by the composer of Lifeline’s *“Click, Clack, Moo”* and the adaptor of *“Rikki Tikki Tavi.”* This production is appropriate for children ages five to ten, and runs about one hour with no intermission. Original cast recordings from this production will be on sale in the lobby, and include songs such as *“Soapy Crocodile,” “Fifth Avenue,”* and *“Where I Belong.”*

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: Opens Friday, June 13, 2008, at 1 p.m.
There *will* be a show on Independence Day, Friday, July 4
Closes Sunday, July 13, 2008
Runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m.

TICKETS: Publish this number: 773-761-4477 or LifelineTheatre.com
\$10 for both children and adults for all shows
\$5 (half price) tickets for dads on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 15
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), **Christina Calvit** (Adaptor), **Alan Donahue** (Scenic and Properties Design), with guest artists **George Howe** (Composer/Lyricist), **Maggie Fullilove-Nugent** (Lighting Design), **Tim Hill** (Sound Design) and **Jana Anderson** (Costume Design).
- CAST:** Ensemble member **James E. Grote** (Mr. Grumps), with guest artist **Rus Rainear** (Mr. Valenti).
- NEXT:** Lifeline’s summer drama camp, *KidsOnStage*, will run July 14-25, 2008. Details and registration at www.lifelinetheatre.com/education/kidsonstage.shtml

The Glenwood Avenue Arts Festival will run August 22-24, 2008. This 7th 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 773-761-4477 and www.rogerspark.com

- INFO:** Theatre marketing info - Frances Limoncelli, 773-761-1772, 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 25th anniversary Special Jeff Citation Award for their entire body of work.

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