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World Premiere Children's Election Musical "Duck for President" Adaptation of Doreen Cronin's Book - Author and Illustrator at Opening Book Signing -

WHAT:

Lifeline Theatre KidSeries presents the world premiere musical adaptation "Duck for President," showing both the heady and headachey sides of politics just in time for the election, based on the popular bestseller by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin, adapted by ensemble member James E. Grote, music and lyrics by George Howe, and directed by ensemble member Shole Milos (the same team that brought the recent kids' hit "Click, Clack, Moo"). Just who put Farmer Brown in charge, anyway? Isn't it time an intelligent and handsome young duck ran for office? And once he's running the farm, it's just a few short steps until he's running the country! This production is appropriate for children ages five to ten, and runs about one hour with no intermission. Books on sale in the lobby.

Author Cronin and illustrator Lewis will be at the October 12th opening for meet-and-greet and book signings, from 12 noon-1 p.m. (free) – the book and cast recording CDs will be on sale in the lobby.

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, about six blocks/ten minute walk

Handicapped accessible

WHEN:

Press opening Sunday, October 12, 2008, at 1 p.m.

Closes November 30, 2008

Runs Saturdays at 1 p.m., and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Previews on October 11 at 1 p.m., and October 12 at 11 a.m.

TICKETS:

773-761-4477 [this is the number for the public to call]

\$12 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),

with guest artists **George Howe** (Composer/Lyricist), **Katie Schweiger** (Scenic and Properties Design), **Kim Kozak** (Lighting Design), **Jana Anderson** (Costume

Design), **Tim Hill** (Sound Design) and **Ellen Willett** (Stage Manager).

CAST: Guest artists **Heather Currie** (Pig), **David Fink** (Duck), **Christina Hall** (Cow),

Amanda Link (Hen) and Farmer Brown (Tom Weber).

NEXT: KidSeries shows include "Snowflake Tim's Big Holiday Adventure," December 13,

2008–January 4, 2009 (opens 12/14/08, 11 a.m.); "Flight of the Dodo," December 20, 2008– February 22, 2009 (opens 12/27/08, 2 p.m.); and "Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle," March

14-May 3, 2009 (opens 3/15/09, 1 p.m.).

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individuals.

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. In addition to numerous awards for their productions, Lifeline Theatre also received a 25th

anniversary Special Jeff for their entire body of work.

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