

GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE BRINGS A JOHN GRISHAM LEGAL THRILLER TO THE STAGE - FOR KIDS!

*Geffen Playhouse Story Pirates Team up with Penguin Young Readers Group
for the Season's First Saturday Scene*

November 5 at 11am

LOS ANGELES, October 12, 2011 – The Geffen Playhouse Story Pirates team up with Penguin Young Readers Group to kick-off the Geffen Playhouse Saturday Scene season with ***Theodore Boone and the Thrill of Rights!*** In this interactive legal comedy, kids from the audience join professional actors on stage to become the jury, witnesses and lawyers in a high-stakes trial. The primary suspect: twelve-year-old Theo Boone who is on trial for stealing the Bill of Rights! With a signed letter of permission from his parents, Theo decides that the best lawyer to try his case is himself. With the help of a no-nonsense judge, an overly-emotional security guard and of course the budding stars from the audience, Theo will have to think on his feet to prove it was impossible for him to steal the document. He may even stumble upon the true culprit. ***Theodore Boone and the Thrill of Rights!*** is recommended for children ages 5 to 11 and will be brought to life on **Saturday, November 5 at 11am.**

The Geffen Playhouse began its Story Pirates partnership in 2009 as a way to expand the resources of the theater's current in-school initiatives. Story Pirates, which was originally founded in New York in 2003, is a nationally recognized arts and literacy organization working to engage students in under-resourced public schools by showing them that their ideas, words and stories are important. As a partner of the Geffen Playhouse, Story Pirates recently opened a West Coast branch and now visits over 20 Title I Los Angeles public schools each year in addition to performing for the general public as part of the Geffen Playhouse's Saturday Scene program.

Theodore Boone and the Thrill of Rights! will perform at 11:00 a.m. in the Gil Cates Theater at the Geffen Playhouse and will be followed by complimentary snacks donated by Gelson's Market and Pretzel Crisps. Tickets are \$12 for children and \$17 for adults or can be purchased as part of a subscription (which packages three or more shows and begins at \$30). Tickets can be purchased through the Geffen Playhouse box office and online at geffenplayhouse.com.

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ABOUT GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE'S EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Geffen's education and outreach programs seek to make the cultural resources of the Geffen Playhouse available to all of Los Angeles' diverse communities. The wide range of programs focuses on serving populations in need from ages 3 to 100 through programs such as Saturday Scene, School Tours, Student Matinees and the theater's award-winning CREATE program.

ABOUT THE GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE

The Geffen Playhouse has been a hub of the Los Angeles theater scene since opening its doors in 1995. Noted for its intimacy and celebrated for its world-renowned mix of classic and contemporary plays, provocative new works and musicals, the Geffen Playhouse continues to present a body of work that has garnered national recognition. Named in honor of entertainment mogul and philanthropist David Geffen, who made the initial donation to the theater, the company is helmed by Producing Director and President of the Board Gilbert Cates, Artistic Director Randall Arney, Managing Director Ken Novice and Chairman of the Board Frank Mancuso. Proudly associated with UCLA, the Geffen Playhouse welcomes an audience of more than 130,000 each year, and maintains an extensive education and outreach program, designed to engage young people and the community at large in the arts. For more, visit geffenplayhouse.com.

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