

GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE GETS FUNKY WITH THE TROUBADORS

*The Troubadour Theater Company's Funky Punks Circus Spectacular
Takes the Stage Saturday Scene February 19*

LOS ANGELES, February 14, 2011 – Geffen Playhouse joins forces with the award-winning Troubadour Theater Company to present the critically-acclaimed *Funky Punks Circus Spectacular* on February 19 at 11am. A mix of clowning, physical comedy and zany mishaps, *Funky Punks Circus Spectacular* takes slapstick to a new level. All traditional circus characters are represented: overly-ambitious jugglers, a family of acrobats, contortionists and even a sly ring master, all gathered under one tent (or rather, on one stage!). With puppets, stilts and the creative use of a plunger, this unique troupe of characters unfolds the delightful world of the circus while addressing acceptance, teamwork and individuality.

"The Funky Punks celebrate the kid in all of us. That sweet, wide-eyed innocence and joyful wonder that comes from exploring a world filled with fun," said the Troubadour Theater Company's artistic director Matt Walker.

Saturday Scene performances are on select Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m. on the Geffen Playhouse's main stage and are followed by complimentary snacks donated by Gelson's Market. Tickets for individual shows are \$10 for children and \$15 for adults, and subscriptions (which package four or more shows) begin at \$40. All tickets for Saturday Scene can be purchased through the Geffen Playhouse box office and online at www.geffenplayhouse.com.

ABOUT GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE'S EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Geffen Playhouse's education and outreach programs seek to make the cultural resources of the theater 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, Story Pirates, School Tours, Student Matinees, Golden Ticket and the theater's award-winning CREATE program. For more information, please visit geffenplayhouse.com/education.

ABOUT 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 information, please visit geffenplayhouse.com.

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