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NCT ANNOUNCES 75th ANNIVERSARY SEASON

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashville Children's Theatre announces its 2006-07 lineup: *The Shakespeare Stealer*, *Schoolhouse Rock Live!*, *Einstein is a Dummy* and *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. This season marks the theater's 75th anniversary.

“A birthday like this requires a pretty big party, so I've chosen a pretty big season of plays to delight and challenge kids and grown-ups alike. We'll travel to Elizabethan England, jump inside a TV set, shoot straight on out into the cosmos and return to our own backyard. Along the way, we'll meet some famous people in some surprising ways and celebrate the rock star in every kid!” said Scot Copeland, NCT producing director. NCT managing director Allison Dillon added, “We're going to celebrate NCT's 75th anniversary throughout the season, and we're confident that kids, teachers and parents will find something to celebrate each time they come to the Theatre next year.”

The season begins in October with the opening of *The Shakespeare Stealer* and concludes in April 2007 with *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. The complete schedule for the season includes:

The Shakespeare Stealer

Oct. 10-28, 2006

By Gary L. Blackwood

It's 1601, and a 14-year-old apprentice named Widge has been brought to London to carry out a dastardly plan. The action begins when Widge's master gives him this order: Steal the script of William Shakespeare's new play, *Hamlet* – or suffer the direst of consequences! Another award-winning juvenile novel comes to life at NCT!

Schoolhouse Rock Live!

Nov. 14, 2006-Jan. 14, 2007

Adapted from the series created by George Newall and Tom Yohe, based on an idea by David McCall, book by Scott Ferguson, George Keating and Kyle Hall, Music and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, Kathy Mandry, George Newall and Tom Yohe.

It's great to learn 'cause knowledge is power! “Conjunction Junction” and “Just a Bill,” are solid proof of what kids, parents and teachers have long known – that rockin' out is a fun, fabulous, effective way to learn! NCT is excited about rattling the rafters with 21 of those beloved *Schoolhouse Rock* classics from ABC Mornings.

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Einstein is a Dummy

Jan. 30-Feb. 18, 2007

By Karen Zacarias, Music by Deborah Wicks LaPuma

Maybe nobody thought much of Albert Einstein when he was 12. Maybe he forgot stuff and maybe he got lost. A lot. Maybe Einstein was a dummy – or maybe, just maybe, he was sorting out the relationship between mass, energy and the speed of light. This musical is an imaginative, exhilarating, hilarious, inspiring romp through a fictional day in the young life of the greatest mind of the 20th century – and his talking cat.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

March 6-April 8, 2007

Adapted by Bruce Mason from the book by Judy Blume

Peter Hatcher has some problems at home and his biggest problem is Fudge – his disgustingly adorable baby brother. Fudge is always in Peter's way and messing up everything he sees. And when Peter's pet turtle Dribble turns up gone.... all gone... everybody's only worried about Fudge – who ATE him – instead of Dribble, who GOT EATEN! Sibling rivalry isn't always sweet... especially when your brother is Fudge!

For more information about tickets or how to become a season subscriber, please visit www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org, or call (615) 254-9103.

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About Nashville Children's Theatre

Nashville Children's Theatre is an ensemble of professional artists who bring unique vision and compelling voice to the creation of meaningful theater for Nashville and Middle Tennessee audiences. We strive to make the imaginative celebration of our hopes, struggles and joys a vital part of the shared experience for young people, families and our community. NCT was founded in 1931 by the Junior League of Nashville and is recognized as the oldest children's theater in the country. A national leader in professional theater arts and education programs for young people, NCT was ranked by *TIME* magazine as one of the top five children's theaters in the country.