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**NASHVILLE CHILDREN'S THEATRE TO PRESENT *THE GIVER***

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashville Children's Theatre will present *The Giver*, beginning Feb. 6 and running through Feb. 21.

At the Ceremony of Twelve, a ritual where 12-year-olds are given their life assignments, the Chief Elder charges Jonas with the loneliest and most crucial function in his safe, comfortable, perfect community. He will study at the feet of the mysterious Giver, who will pass on to Jonas – and Jonas alone – the echoes of a world long past. Only Jonas will learn about color, snow and sunshine. He alone will know pain, heartbreak and love, and he alone will stand up to the shocking truth of the community.

*The Giver*, recommended for children ages 9 and up, is adapted from Lois Lowry's Newbery Medal-winning novel. The production features Peter Vann as "Jonas" and Buddy Raper as "The Giver." In addition, the cast includes Evelyn Blythe, Brooke Bryant, Shawn Knight and Patrick Waller. Scot Copeland, NCT producing director, will direct; lighting and scenic design is by Scott Leathers, and costume design is by Patricia Taber.

Weekend performances are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6; 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, 14 and 21; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8 and 15. School performances are Monday through Friday at 10 and 11:45 a.m. All performances are open to the public, and reservations are recommended. Individual ticket prices are \$12 per child (ages 2 to 17), and \$17 per adult. Season passes and group discounts are also available. A sign-interpreted performance is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m.

Schedule special events include:

- A "Dream Interpretation Workshop" with Shoshana Abraham, Ph.D., will be held after the 6:30 p.m. performance on Friday, Feb. 6. The workshop will give participants insight on how to decipher their dreams like the characters in *The Giver*. Abraham lectures internationally on biblical topics and practices counseling using dream interpretation therapy as an effective tool to explore the subconscious. The event is free for all ticket holders.
- Half-priced tickets will be offered for performances on Saturday, Feb. 7, as part of the Target Family Time Series. Children attending this Target-sponsored event will receive a free book.

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- “*The Giver Rehearsed*,” a look inside the rehearsal process, will be held after the 4 p.m. performance on Saturday, Feb. 14. NCT’s artistic staff will discuss how NCT prepared for and rehearsed the project. Video of actual rehearsals will be shown. The event is free for all ticket holders.

For more information, please visit [www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org](http://www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org) or call (615) 254-9103.

### **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 professional 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.

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