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NASHVILLE CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS *LILLY'S PURPLE PLASTIC PURSE*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashville Children's Theatre presents *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*, beginning March 10 and running through April 9.

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse is adapted by Kevin Kling from the book by Kevin Henkes and tells the story of Lilly, a spirited mouse who knows what she likes. Lilly likes that she is "Queen of the World," and she likes the way her red cowboy boots go clickety-click down the hallway. She also loves her purple plastic purse and her teacher, Mr. Slinger, until he takes the purse away from her in class. She likes the mean, funny drawing of Mr. Slinger that she leaves in his book bag – but then she doesn't like herself very much. This delightful show, with its jazzy musical score, was a huge hit with adults and children when NCT performed it years ago, and the theatre is pleased to share it again with new and old friends.

The production is for children of all ages and features Misty Lewis as "Lilly," Bobby Wyckoff as "Chester" and Henry Haggard as "Wilson." The cast also includes Evelyn Blythe, Brooke Bryant, Rona Carter, Peter Vann and Patrick Waller. Scot Copeland, NCT producing director, will direct; lighting design is by Scott Leathers; and scenic design is by Mitch Massaro and costume design is by Patricia Taber. Music composed by Paul Carroll Binkley.

Weekend performances are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 21, 28 and April 4; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, 29 and April 5. A spring break matinee performance is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, at 2 p.m. 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), \$17 per adult; group discounts are also available. A sign-interpreted performance is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m.

Half-price tickets will be offered for performances on Saturday, March 14, as part of the Target Family Time Series. Children attending this Target-sponsored event will receive a free copy of *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*.

For more information, 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 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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