



La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Kicks off La Mirada's 2011-12 Young Audiences Season

Based on the Newbery Medal-winning children's book
by E.B. White

La Mirada, CA, September 20, 2011 – **La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts** kicks off its 2011-12 **Programs for Young Audiences** series with Theatreworks USA's **Charlotte's Web** based on the Newbery Medal-winning book by E.B. White. This 60-minute play is recommended for audiences ages 4 and up. Performances are Sunday, October 23, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

E.B. White's loving story of the friendship between a pig named Wilbur and a little gray spider named Charlotte comes to life in *Charlotte's Web*. Wilbur has a problem: how to avoid winding up in the slaughterhouse. Enter Charlotte, a fine writer and a true friend, who assures Wilbur she will save him. Charlotte hits on a plan to fool Farmer Zuckerman – she will create a "miracle." Spinning the words "Some Pig" in her web, Charlotte weaves a solution which not only makes Wilbur a prize pig, but ensures his place on the farm forever. This treasured tale, featuring mad-cap and endearing farm animals, explores bravery, selfless love, and the true meaning of friendship.

About the Creative Team

Charlotte's Web is a play by **Joseph Robinette** based on the Newbery Medal-winning book by E.B. White (*Stuart Little*, *Trumpet of the Swan*). The production is directed by **Rob Barron** (current Theatreworks USA productions of *Romeo & Juliet*, *Ferdinand the Bull*, *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, among others) and the incidental music score is by **Jeffrey Lunden** (Winner of the Lortel Award, Rodgers Award, and Jonathan Larson Award, and composer of Theatreworks USA productions of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Little Prince*, *The Great Railroad Race*). The scenic design is by **James D. Sandefur**, and the costumes are by **Anne-Marie Wright**.

Theatreworks USA is America's largest and most prolific professional not-for-profit theatre for young and family audiences. Since 1961, Theatreworks USA has enlightened, entertained, and instructed over 68 million people in 49 states and Canada, now performing for about four million people annually. Every year, the company tours approximately 16 shows from its ever-growing repertoire of 110 plays and musicals. In addition, Theatreworks USA also has an extensive multi-cultural guest artist roster, including storytellers, puppeteers, poets, and magicians. Under the direction of Barbara Pasternack (Artistic Director) and Ken Arthur (Managing Director), Theatreworks USA is also one of the most honored theatres of its kind. It is the only children's theatre to receive both a Drama Desk and a Lucille Lortel Award. In addition, Theatreworks USA was the recipient of a 2001 Jonathan Larson Performing Arts Foundation Award, and in May 2000, The Actors Fund of America bestowed its Medal of Honor upon its founders, Jay Harnick and Charles Hull.

La Mirada Theatre's Programs for Young Audiences is designed to give children exposure to a diverse mix of national and international touring stage acts.

All seats are \$8 for children and \$12 for adults. Subscriptions for all five shows are \$30 for children and \$45 for adults. Tickets are available online at www.lamiradatheatre.com or by calling the La Mirada Theatre Box Office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310. The theatre is located at 14900 La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada, CA. Parking is free. Wheelchair access and Hearing Assist devices available.

CALENDAR LISTING

Please list under Children's Theatre, Kid's Stuff, Family Entertainment, or related category:

Theatreworks USA's *Charlotte's Web*. Part of La Mirada Theatre's **Programs for Young Audiences Series**. 2 shows only: 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Sunday, October 23, 2011 at La Mirada Theatre, 14900 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, CA. Tickets: \$8 - \$12 online at www.lamiradatheatre.com or call the Box Office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310.