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Larger-Than-Life Puppets Bring “The Dream Catchers” to La Mirada Theatre

La Mirada, CA, February 27, 2006 – **La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts** brings “**The Dream Catchers**” to the stage, as part of their **Programs for Young Audiences** series. **Theatre Sans Fil** returns on Sunday, March 12, 2006, at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. to present an incredible story of adventure using giant colorful puppets. **Programs for Young Audiences** is designed to give children ages five and up and their families exposure to a diverse mix of national and international touring stage acts.

“**The Dream Catchers**,” based on the real dreams of over 500 school children, is a unique and fantastical play that transports us to the magical world of candy trees and mythical beasts. The Canadian company, Theatre Sans Fil, brings to life the innocent dreams and nightmares of two young siblings who act out their dreams as a game, then come to realize their ability to disarm the scary ones, celebrate the wondrous ones, and live in harmony with their feelings. In this ingenious and highly original production, larger-than-life puppets, operated in the ancient style of Japanese *bunraku theatre*, guide us through a world where noises become monsters, fears become personified, and being a hero can mean winning a battle against our own imaginary demons.

For more than 30 years Theatre Sans Fil, literally *Theatre Without Strings*, has been creating “giant puppet” productions for international audiences of all ages. They are now regarded as one of the best, and certainly the most unique, puppet company in the world. Theatre Sans Fil’s puppets are usually much bigger than those used in Japanese *bunraku*. When its first show was in the production stage, it was discovered that the puppets, which were meant to be three to four feet high, would actually be six feet tall or more! Theatre Sans Fil’s giant puppets are unique and set them apart from all other puppet companies. Most puppets are still operated externally by the black-clad puppeteers, but some are so large a puppeteer can actually climb inside to bring them to life!

“The Dream Catchers” continues an ongoing series, which still includes: “Wizard of Oz” in April, and “Mark Nadler’s Pianomal Crackers!” in May.

Tickets are available for \$8 or get a subscription to all three remaining shows in the series for only \$18. Tickets and more information 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 Boulevard in La Mirada, near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue, minutes north of where the 91 and 5 freeways meet. Parking is free.

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The Dream Catchers – A unique and fantastical play that uses larger-than-life puppets to transport us to the magical world of candy trees and mythical creatures. Part of the Programs for Young Audiences Series at La Mirada Theatre, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Mar. 12, 2006. La Mirada Theatre, 14900 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, CA. Tickets: \$8 online at www.lamiradatheatre.com or the box office at (562) 944 9801 or (714) 994-6310.