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**Three Leading Theaters from Three Nations Come Together for
Stunning New International Production of
PETER PAN**

**World Premiere Opens Children's Theatre Company Season
Friday, September 5**

Minneapolis, MN/August 19, 2008 – Three leading theaters from three nations will come together to create a stunning new production of **PETER PAN** when The Children's Theatre Company combines forces with renowned Italian shadow puppet artist Fabrizio Montecchi from Teatro Gioca Vita and the award-winning Visible Fictions from Scotland.

The world premiere of PETER PAN on Friday, September 5, opens CTC's 2008–09 season. The show plays through October 2, on the Cargill Stage, returning for a special month-long engagement December 5–January 3, 2009. Visible Fictions will produce the work in its Glasgow theatre in Spring 2009.

Adapted by Douglas Irvine from the novel by J.M. Barrie, the show is directed by Irvine and features the scenic designs and shadow puppetry concepts of Fabrizio Montecchi. With a brilliant fusion of shadow puppetry and vibrant storytelling, Peter, Captain Hook, Wendy and the Lost Boys play out their adventures in an ever changing and exhilarating Neverland unlike any seen before on stage.

“This international collaboration between three of the world's leading theatres for young people brings two incredible artists to CTC for the first time to give this tale new theatrical life,” says CTC Artistic Director Peter C. Brosius. “The world of shadow puppetry is a dynamic and poetic way to capture the magic and mystery of this powerful tale.”

PETER PAN features Brandon Weinbrenner (most recently seen in the Guthrie Theater's *The Secret Fall of Constance Wilde* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*) in the title role, with Bob

Davis as Captain Hook, Elise Langer as Wendy, Brian Sostek as Jane and Tootles, and Kyle Loven as Michael.

PETER PAN opens Friday, September 5, playing through Thursday, October 2, on the Cargill Stage. The show returns for a second run Friday, December 5, through Saturday, January 3, 2009. (*A full performance schedule follows on page 3.*) The show is most enjoyed by ages 7 and older. Tickets range from \$20–\$35 for adults and \$14–\$29 for children (17 & under), students and seniors. Single tickets and subscription packages are now on sale at (612) 874-0400 or www.childrenstheatre.org.

About the Collaborators

The Glasgow-based Visible Fictions has produced high quality and accessible theatre for young people and adults for over 16 years. The company's work has been seen from Broadway to schools in the Scottish Highlands to the Bank of Scotland Imagine Festival. Visible Fictions has also collaborated with the Seattle Children's Theatre and the Mark Taper Forum.

Fabrizio Montecchi is a leading director and set designer in contemporary shadow theatre whose innovative work has been seen worldwide over the past 30 years with Teatro Gioco Vita, a troupe based in Piacenza, Italy. He frequently leads master classes and workshops at international puppet theatre festivals and is the author of numerous books and articles about shadow theatre.

About The Children's Theatre Company

The Children's Theatre Company (CTC) creates extraordinary theatre experiences that educate, challenge and inspire. CTC is the first theatre for young people to win the coveted Tony® Award for Outstanding Regional Theater (2003). Founded in 1965, CTC serves over 300,000 people annually and is one of the 20 largest theater companies in the nation. The company is noted for defining worldwide standards for youth theatre with an innovative mix of classic tales, celebrated international productions and challenging new work.

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“The nation's leading theatre for young audiences”
—*New York Times*

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Performance Schedule

Tickets: (612) 874-0400 or www.childrenstheatre.org

Most performances during the first run (September 5–October 2 are sold out. Listed below are the shows that still have tickets available during the first run.

Tue Sept 23 7pm

Wed Sept 24 7pm

Wed Oct 1 7pm

Thu Oct 2 7pm

Second run: December 5–January 3

Fri Dec 5 7:30pm

Sat Dec 6 11am & 2pm

Sun Dec 7 2pm & 5pm

Tue Dec 9 7pm

Wed Dec 10 7pm

Thu Dec 11 7pm

Sat Dec 13 11am & 2pm

Sun Dec 14 2pm & 5pm

Wed Dec 17 7pm

Fri Dec 19 7:30pm

Sat Dec 20 11am & 2pm

Sun Dec 21 2pm & 5pm

Mon Dec 22 11am & 2pm

Tue Dec 23 11am & 2pm

Fri Dec 26 11am & 2pm

Sat Dec 27 11am & 2pm

Sun Dec 28 2pm & 5pm

Mon Dec 29 11am & 2pm

Tue Dec 30 11am & 2pm

Wed Dec 31 11am & 2pm

Fri Jan 2 11am & 2pm

Sat Jan 3 11am & 2pm