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Theater Without Walls & Seats:

**The Children's Theatre Company All-New Promenade-Style
Production of *Romeo and Juliet* Opens February 13**

Minneapolis, MN—Shakespeare's immortal story of young love and rebellion comes to new life in a thrilling promenade-style staging by **Greg Banks**, who previously directed the acclaimed *Antigone* at The Children's Theatre Company (CTC).

ROMEO AND JULIET opens February 13 (previews begin February 10) on the Cargill Stage as the second show in the **ctc4teens** season. The show runs through March 15.

In this production, as Romeo and Juliet's dangerous devotion ignites the passion and rage of all of Verona, the audience is—quite literally—part of the action, with actors, musicians and action swirling and erupting throughout the theater.

“Greg's vision of a *Romeo and Juliet* where there are no seats and the audience is part of the action, where actors and audience share the same space—literally rubbing shoulders—creates an incredible energy, intimacy and power in the telling,” says CTC Artistic Director Peter Brosius. “This is a play that never stops speaking to us, about the failure of the adult world to comprehend what is happening in the lives of young people, about how passions can spin out of control and about the power of love in our lives. We are thrilled to make this classic text come alive in new ways with new urgencies and new meanings for our audiences today.”

The show features **Lindsey Hartley** as Juliet and **Matt Rein** as Romeo. The cast also includes **Gerald Drake** as Lord Capulet/Apothecary, **Dean Holt** as Mercutio/Lord Montague, **Katie Jorgenson** as Ensemble/Abram, **Marvette Knight** as the Prince, **Autumn Ness** as the Nurse, **Reed Sigmund** as Tybalt/Friar Laurence, **Will Von Vogt** as County Paris, and **Max Wojtanowicz** as Benvolio/Lord. The production also features six live musicians as part of the action.

ROMEO AND JULIET is designed by **Joseph Stanley** (set), **Mary Anna Culligan** (costumes), **Rebecca Fuller Jensen** (lighting), **Victor Zupanc** (sound), with fight choreography by **Edward “Ted” Sharon**.

Director **Greg Banks** staged CTC’s *Antigone*, one of the most acclaimed shows of the 2006–07 season, winning numerous year-end awards. He also directed CTC’s *Huck Finn* and *Sleeping Beauty*. In the UK, Banks has directed for many companies, including The Unicorn Children’s Theatre, The Birmingham Stage Co., The Bristol Old Vic, Polka Children’s Theatre, and Travelling Light (*Tir Na N’og*, which won the Samuel Beckett award and played on Broadway). His U.S. credits include shows with the New York State Institute and Seattle Children’s Theatre.

ROMEO AND JULIET opens Friday, February 13 (previews begin Tuesday, February 10), and plays through Sunday, March 15. The show is most enjoyed by ages 13 and older. Tickets are \$29 for adults and \$19 for students and seniors. Tickets are on sale at (612) 874-0400 or www.childrenstheatre.org.

The Children’s Theatre Company (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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The Children's Theatre Company ROMEO AND JULIET
Performance Schedule

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Tue Feb 10 7:30pm preview
Wed Feb 11 7:30pm preview
Thu Feb 12 7:30pm preview
Fri Feb 13 8:00pm opening
Sat Feb 14 4:00 & 8:00pm
Sun Feb 15 1:00 & 4:00pm

Thu Feb 19 7:30pm
Fri Feb 20 8:00pm
Sat Feb 21 4:00 & 8:00pm
Sun Feb 22 1:00pm

Thu Feb 26 7:30pm
Fri Feb 27 8:00pm
Sat Feb 28 4:00 & 8:00pm
Sun Mar 1 1:00 & 4:00pm

Thu Mar 5 7:30pm
Fri Mar 6 8:00pm (ASL/AD performance)
Sat Mar 7 4:00 & 8:00pm
Sun Mar 8 1:00 & 4:00pm

Fri Mar 13 8:00pm
Sat Mar 14 8:00pm
Sun Mar 15 1:00 & 4:00pm