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THE LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE YOUTH THEATRE TAKES CENTER STAGE IN FEBRUARY WITH ICONIC CHILDREN'S LITERARY FAVORITES

The Laguna Playhouse's highly acclaimed Youth Theatre set to present adaptations of the award-winning novel *The Giver* and unique fairy tale presentation of *Hansel & Gretel* and *Cinderella*

(Laguna Beach, CA) - The Laguna Playhouse is pleased to present two stage adaptations of award-winning and highly popular children's stories in February beginning with *The Giver* (February 17-18, 2012) immediately followed by *Hansel & Gretel and Cinderella* (February 24 – March 4, 2012).

"The Giver", by Eric Coble from the book by Lois Lowry, is the vastly popular Newbery award-winning book currently read in numerous secondary schools across the country. It's the Playhouse's "Theatre for a New Generation" play selection for teens and educators. "The Giver offers young theatre goers an opportunity to see one of their favorite books brought to life. With stark images and haunting themes, audiences will leave the theatre with discussion material for days" says Donna Inglima, Director.

The Giver is a story about Jonas, a 12 year old member of a utopian-like society where life is prescribed by the Council of Elders and each member of the 'community' is assigned a job. One person alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. Jonas is selected to be the next "Receiver of Memory". Once *The Giver* transmits memories to Jonas, his life is forever altered. This production is suitable for children ages 12 years and up.

Hansel & Gretel and *Cinderella* offers two enchanting classic fairy tales told a-new. Written by William Glennon this highly artistic set of classics will offer a unique and family-friendly combination of both the Grimm's and the Central European fables.


Hansel and Gretel (Act I) is the story of two children left in the forest by their mother who has been put under a spell. With the help of a Bird and Gnome, the children outwit the wicked witch who has imprisoned them and is fattening up Hansel to eat!

Cinderella (Act II) has a step mother and two step sisters who make her do all the work. When they go off to the Prince's Ball, Cinderella is visited by her Fairy Godmother. Through kindness and a little magic, her Fairy Godmother makes it possible for Cinderella to go to the ball and win the heart of the young Prince.

Featuring a cast comprised of local adult actors and students from the playhouse's Youth Conservatory program, Director Kelly Herman states "These vibrant stories are full of magic, thrills and plenty of laughter. This is a wonderful opportunity for a cultural family outing."

Both productions offer exclusive 10:00 am student matinee opportunities for schools and educators along with special post-show talkback sessions between the artistic company and audience during public performances.

The GIVER
February 17 & 18 2012
 Suitable for 12 years and up
 By Eric Coble from the book by Lois Lowry
 Directed by Donna Inglima



When Jonas turns twelve he is singled out to receive special training from The Giver who alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. There is no turning back.

Hansel & Gretel and Cinderella
 By William Glennon
 Directed by Kelly Herman
 Suitable for 5 years and up

Hansel and Gretel are captured and imprisoned by the wicked witch whom they must outwit before Hansel is fattened up and eaten.

Cinderella is visited by her Fairy Godmother, who with a little magic, makes it possible for her to win the heart of the young Prince.

February 24 – March 4, 2012

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The GIVER
Ticket Prices for The Giver \$12.50
 Friday, February 17 @ 10:00am
 Friday, February 17 @ 7:00pm and Stage Talk
 Saturday, February 18 @ 1:00pm
 Saturday, February 18 @ 5:00pm and Stage Talk

Hansel & Gretel and Cinderella
Ticket Prices:
Groups: Youth \$14 / Adult \$18
General: Youth \$18 / Adult \$20
 Friday, February 24 @ 7:00pm and Stage Talk
 Saturday, February 25 @ 1:00pm
 Saturday, February 25 @ 5:00pm
 Sunday, February 26 @ 1:00pm
 Sunday, February 26 @ 5:00pm
 Thursday, March 1 @ 10:00am
 Friday, March 2 @ 10:00am
 Friday, March 2 @ 7:00pm
 Saturday, March 3 @ 1:00pm
 Saturday, March 3 @ 1:00pm
 Sunday, March 4 @ 1:00pm
 Sunday, March 4 @ 5:00pm

* Teachers / Aides Free with student groups

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ABOUT LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE

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Administrative Hours:
 Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 Tuesday – Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Founded in 1920 and celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2011-2012, The Laguna Playhouse is one of the oldest continuously-operating theatres on the West Coast. In January 2011, The Laguna Playhouse was honored at the Laguna Spirit Awards and received The Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce Premiere Business of the Year award.

More than 100,000 theatergoers annually attend performances at the Laguna Playhouse. Its continued artistic excellence, audience popularity and critical acclaim have helped make The Playhouse one of Southern California's most important nonprofit theatre companies. The

Playhouse has produced national tours of *The Belle of Amherst* (with Julie Harris) and *Copenhagen*, and has presented many world, national and regional premieres.

Over the years, the Laguna Playhouse has garnered numerous awards from LA Drama Critics Circle, NAACP, Backstage, OC Weekly, and many more, and was named Best Arts Organization by ArtsOC. Notable performers that have performed at The Laguna Playhouse include Bette Davis, Harrison Ford, Charles Durning, Marlo Thomas, Roddy McDowell, Rita Rudner, Cloris Leachman, and Sally Struthers.

The Laguna Playhouse is noted for its Youth Theater Education and Outreach programs. In 1989, its Youth Theater was recognized as "Outstanding Children's Theatre" by the American Alliance for Theatre and Education. The theater's touring production, TheatreReach, brings books to life on stage for elementary school children throughout southern California.

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