

# CHILD'S PLAY TOURING THEATRE

## OUR MISSION

**Child's Play Touring Theatre** is the brainchild of Victor and June Podagrosi. Our mission is to share, encourage and validate children's creativity by presenting original works of theater, music and dance, adapted from stories and poems written by young authors. From workshops at inner city schools to traveling performances in small towns, Child's Play fosters the boundless creativity of children.

**"As a long time supporter of Child's Play, I have witnessed the profound effect your programs have on the children you serve. In developing and staging original plays based on the stories and poems of children, Child's Play strengthens and enhances an appreciation of reading and writing in the children of Chicago."**

**Gerald J. Roper, CEO Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce**

Since 1978, Child's Play has reached more than 4 million children and educators from Alaska to Florida. Over the years, more than 15,000 young writers have had their words transformed into live theatre, complete with professional actors, intricate scenery and artistic costumes. In addition to its core literacy programs, Child's Play has created programs for violence prevention, bilingual productions and inter-generational writing collaborations with partners like the League of Women Voters, Purdue University, and the Cook County Office of the State's Attorney.



## OUR EVENT

The 2009 Child's Play Cast Party Benefit will be held on Thursday, June 11 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm at The Law Offices of Holland and Knight, 131 S. Dearborn, 30th Floor, Chicago, overlooking the Chicago skyline.

The event will be hosted by Ben Hollis, former host & co-creator of WTTW's *Wild Chicago*, and co-chaired by Mara Georges, Corporation Counsel to the City of Chicago and Sondra Healy, Co-Chairman of the Board of Turtle Wax, Inc.

A special VIP meet and greet will begin at 5:30 pm. Highlights of the event are live music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and silent auction, followed by an awards program and Child's Play performance.

## WOW!

Writing Our World – **WOW!** – is a program we strongly want to expand this season. Through **WOW!**, children across the world share stories and poems that illustrate their personal lives, dreams and aspirations. The program fosters an understanding and celebration of the differences and commonalities children have with each other throughout the world, and encourages children to further examine their lives and beliefs and think about solutions to global and community based issues.

Our plan is to tour across the USA, and to reach out to other countries, partnering with schools on an international basis. In the Fall of 2008 we partnered with the Huntington School District in New York and an International School in Beijing to exchange student writings and create a model program to apply to other international schools in the future. Please join us at this year's fundraiser to help us grow **WOW!** and further develop our core programs. Your support is vital, especially in these tough economic times.

Child's Play Touring Theatre is a non-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible. Tax I.D.# 37-1103415.

# Cast Party Benefit SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

LEVEL	PREMIUM	GALA	YEAR-LONG
<p><b>Artistic Director</b></p> <p><b>\$10,000 and above</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full page color ad in Benefit Program, inside front or back cover placement</li> <li>• 20 VIP tickets to Gala Event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logo on advertising, signage and benefit program</li> <li>• Logo and verbal recognition from the podium, plus opportunity to speak from podium</li> <li>• Opportunity to name part of the event e.g. Silent auction or general reception</li> <li>• Acknowledgement in all media materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Named as benefit sponsor with highest priority donor listing in our brochure</li> <li>• Complimentary CPTT performance or team building workshop at venue of your choice</li> <li>• 'Profile' in Annual Report &amp; newsletters</li> <li>• Name and logo placement on the season's postcard mailings &amp; CDs, DVDs produced</li> <li>• Name, logo placement and URL links on the CPTT website</li> <li>• Verbal/print recognition throughout the season</li> </ul>
<p><b>Executive Director</b></p> <p><b>\$5,000 - \$9,999</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full page color ad in program book, inside front or back cover placement</li> <li>• 15 VIP tickets to Gala Event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logo on advertising, signage and benefit program</li> <li>• Logo and verbal recognition from the podium</li> <li>• Opportunity to name part of the event e.g. Silent auction or general reception</li> <li>• Acknowledgement in all media materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Profile' in Annual Report &amp; newsletters</li> <li>• Name and logo placement on the season's postcard mailings &amp; CDs, DVDs produced</li> <li>• Name, logo placement and URL links on the CPTT website</li> <li>• Verbal/print recognition throughout the season</li> <li>• Underwrite Local Perform</li> </ul>
<p><b>Producer</b></p> <p><b>\$2,500 - \$4,999</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full page ad in program book (premium placement)</li> <li>• 10 VIP tickets to Gala Event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logo on advertising, signage and benefit program</li> <li>• Logo and verbal recognition from the podium</li> <li>• Acknowledgement in all media materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition in Annual Report &amp; newsletters</li> <li>• Name, logo placement and URL links on the CPTT website</li> <li>• Verbal/print recognition throughout the season</li> </ul>
<p><b>Director</b></p> <p><b>\$1,000 - \$2,499</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half page ad in program book (standard placement)</li> <li>• 6 VIP tickets to Gala Event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logo on advertising and benefit program</li> <li>• Logo and verbal recognition from the podium</li> <li>• Acknowledgement in all media materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition in Annual Report &amp; newsletters</li> <li>• Name, logo placement and URL links on the CPTT website</li> </ul>



**"Cast Party" Benefit  
Thursday June 11, 2009**

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Sorry, I am unable to attend, but wish to make a contribution in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please make checks payable to: Child's Play Touring Theatre  
Child's Play is a 501(c)3 organization and contributions are deductible as provided by law.  
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\*\* How should we list your contribution in printed materials? (example: John Doe, XYZ Company)

Please reply by May 31, 2009 and return to:  
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