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Rancho Cucamonga's MainStreet Theatre Company Announces its 3rd Season of Theatre for Young Audiences Productions at the Lewis Family Playhouse

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Rancho Cucamonga, California – Rancho Cucamonga's MainStreet Theatre Company recently announced its third season of professional productions for young audiences. The Company performs at the 536-seat Lewis Family Playhouse at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center and is the only professional Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) company in the Inland Empire! For the first time, the Lewis Family Playhouse is offering MainStreet Theatre Company subscriptions to patrons. Subscribers receive a 10% discount when purchasing tickets to all three shows in the 2008/2009 season.

The 3rd season begins in October, with *James and the Giant Peach*, adapted by David Wood. James and his insect friends act as narrators in this inventive adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic book, as the audience is taken in by the story of their amazing adventure from England to New York inside of the giant peach! *James and the Giant Peach* will run October 18 thru November 1, 2008.

February will bring the first production on the West Coast of the TYA version of *A Year With Frog and Toad*, the award-winning musical adapted from the books by Arnold Lobel, and music and lyrics by Robert and Willie Reale. This delightfully charming musical remains true to the original stories as it follows best friends Frog and Toad through four fun-filled seasons. *A Year With Frog and Toad* will run January 31 thru February 14, 2009.

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Concluding our season in the spring is *Ferdinand The Bull*, an imaginative musical adaptation of Munro Leaf's classic book about a Spanish bull who would rather smell flowers than fight. The witty and pun-filled book and lyrics, peppered throughout with Spanish vocabulary words, are by Karen Zacarias, with music by Deborah Wicks La Puma. The music features the Spanish guitar, which the MainStreet Theatre Company will perform live. *Ferdinand the Bull* will run April 18 thru May 2, 2009.

In its first season, the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin said "...this Actor's Equity Company brings a new meaning to quality family entertainment in the Inland Empire!" In its first two years, the MainStreet Theatre Company delighted young audiences with productions of *Miss Nelson is Missing*; *Seussical*; *Charlotte's Web!*; *Go, Dog. Go*; *The BFG* and the U.S. premiere of a show aimed at older children, *Dreams of Anne Frank*.

Tickets are priced at \$16.50 for general admission, \$14.50 for seniors and \$13.50 for youth up to age 12. Receive a 10% discount with a MainStreet Theatre Company subscription to all three shows. All of the MainStreet Theatre Company's public performances will be matinees to allow more families to enjoy the theatre together. Each show will run for 3 weekends for family audiences, in addition to weekday matinees for school children throughout the region.

An intimate, 536-seat venue, the Lewis Family Playhouse is the crown jewel of the 3-acre, 89,000 square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. The complex, at 12505 Cultural Center Drive, is conveniently located off the I-15 at Foothill Boulevard, as a major anchor of Victoria Gardens. The Box Office is open Sunday through Thursday from noon to 6:00 pm and Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with free parking available.

For More Information - For additional information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com or contact the Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office at (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422.

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