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Noble Fool Theatricals

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**Noble Fool Theatricals begins 2009 Children's Theater Series with
Cinderella and Four-time Parents' Choice Gold Award winner *Justin
Roberts at Pheasant Run Theater***

**Others include *Dr. Dolittle*, *Disney's High School Musical 2*, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, *Fractured
Fairytales*, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, *Grease*, *It's a Wonderful Life: a Live Radio***

February 2009, St. Charles, IL - Noble Fool Theatricals, the premier professional theater in the Fox Valley area, slates a full year of Children's Theater performances for Fox Valley families to enjoy year-round, including NFT Youth Ensemble's *Cinderella*, March 21 – April 5; the nationally recognized musician *Justin Roberts & the Not Ready for Naptime Trio*, April 18; Emerald City Theatre's *Doctor Dolittle*, May 9; NFT Youth Ensemble's *High School Musical 2*, July 18 – August 8; NFT Performing Arts Academy's showcase of *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, August 7 – 15; Greatworks Theatre's improv comedy *Fractured Fairytales*, September 19; Greatworks Theatre's Halloween favorite *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, October 24; NFT Youth Ensemble's *Grease*, November 28 – December 19; and NFT Performing Arts Academy's first drama performance *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, December 5 – 27. These children's theater performances are presented by Noble Fool Theatricals at Pheasant Run Resort (4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL; telephone 630-584-6342).

"Due to the success of our Performing Arts Academy, a real demand has grown for children's theater at Noble Fool Theatricals," says Artistic Director John Gawlik. "We are very excited to now offer student and professional shows as well as our first children's musical act with *Justin Roberts*. 2009 will also mark the first time our high school students will be performing a drama for the holiday season with *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. This opportunity will help to challenge their acting skills and learn what it is like to prepare and perform a month of shows."

NOBLE FOOL THEATRICALS 2009 CHILDREN'S THEATER SEASON

CINDERELLA

Presented by the NFT Youth Ensemble

Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, Music by Richard Rodgers

March 21, March 28, April 4; Saturday @ 10:30am

March 27, Friday @ 10:30am

April 5, 2009; Sunday @ 7:00pm

Tickets \$15

Join the NFT Youth Ensemble, a Fairy Godmother and some furry friends as they make Cinderella's fairy tale dreams of finding her Prince Charming a reality. With memorable songs like "The Prince is Giving a Ball" and "Impossible," this musical will remind you that dreams really can come true!

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JUSTIN ROBERTS & THE NOT READY FOR NAPTIME TRIO

April 18, 2009

Saturday @ 10:30am, 1:00pm

Tickets \$19.50

From national awards to a devoted fan base, Justin and his "The Not Ready for Naptime Players" dish out unexpectedly intelligent and whimsically rocking music for kids and their parents, too! Join this award-winning musician as he sings his high-energy pop hits spanning topics from a dandelion-watching ballplayer to a girl's unusual hairstyle in which funky characters of all shapes and sizes take up residence.

DOCTOR DOLITTLE

A world premiere based on the books by Hugh Lofting, Adapted for the Stage and Directed by Ernie Nolan
An Emerald City Theater Company Production

May 9, 2009

Saturday @ 10:30am

Tickets \$15

Learn how to talk to the animals! Follow nine and a half year old Tommy Stubbins as he meets everyone's favorite animal doctor, John Dolittle and his friends Polynesia the Parrot, Chee Chee the Monkey, Jip the Dog, Gub Gub the Pig, and Dab Dab the Duck. Come on an adventure of a lifetime as they travel from quiet Puddleby-on-the-Marsh to the bottom of the sea to meet The Great Glass Snail. A whirlwind of puppetry, music, and mirth!

DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2

Presented by the NFT Youth Ensemble

July 18, 25, August 8, 2009; Saturday @ 10:30am

July 19 & 26, 2009; Sunday @ 7pm

Tickets: \$15

Presented by the NFT Youth Ensemble, this sequel to the Emmy Award-winning Disney Channel Original Movie will have you singing and dancing in the aisles! School's out – and the Wildcats are back for an all new adventure as they spend the summer working at Lava Springs Country Club. Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE

Presented by the NFT Performing Arts Academy

Studio Theater

August 7 & 14, 2009; Friday @ 7pm

August 8 & 15, 2009: Saturday @ 7pm

No Admission Charge; suggested donation

Performed by NFT Performing Arts Academy teen students and written by gifted actor/comic Steve Martin, you'll be transported to a magical night in Paris, 1904, when by chance two young geniuses Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein meet in a bar and lock wits about art, girls and the future. When joined by a pop icon from the future, the space/time continuum erupts in a wild night that forever changes the future.

FRACTURED FAIRYTALES

Adapted from stories by Aesop and the Brothers Grimm

GreatWorks Theatre Company Production

September 19, 2009

Saturday @ 10:30am

Tickets \$15

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FRACTURED FAIRYTALES *cont.*

Aesop fables and the classic Brothers Grimm stories are being put to the test on stage! Influenced by the Chicago-style of improv and story-telling, the cast puts these stories through the wringer to explore not only the tried and true morals of the stories, but the quirky backstories that lurk beneath the surface. Stories include "The Fisherman and his Wife", "The Princess and the Pea", "The Robber Bridegroom", and "The Little Peasant."

THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

By GreatWorks Theatre Company

Adapted from Washington Irving's classic story

October 24, 2009

Saturday at 10:30 am

Tickets: \$15

Take a wild ride through a ghoulish night with Washington Irving's spooky American classic. Ichabod Crane is the new schoolmaster in town, but his snooty ways rub some of the residents of Sleepy Hollow the wrong way. To get rid of him, the villagers will make sure that "Icky" meets their local legend – The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow!

GREASE

Presented by the NFT Youth Ensemble

Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

November 28, December 5, 12, 19; Saturday @ 10:30am

December 13; Sunday @ 7pm

Tickets \$15

It's 1959 and Rydell High's head "greaser" Danny and new (good) girl Sandy try to relive the high romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such songs as "Greased Lightnin'", recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis Presley. Presented by the NFT Youth Ensemble.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY

Presented by the NFT Performing Arts Academy

Adapted by Joe Landry from the screenplay by Frances Goodrich, Albert Hackett, Frank Capra, and Jo Swerling

Studio Theater

December 5, 12, 19, and 26; Saturday @ 7:00pm

December 6, 13, 20 and 27; Sunday @ 2:30pm

Tickets \$15

Inspired by the classic American film, the NFT Performing Arts Academy recreates the fateful story of George Bailey to life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. Take your seat in the studio audience to relive the beloved tale of regret and redemption told through insightful storytelling, familiar characters and engaging sound effects.

Ample free parking and valet services are available at Pheasant Run Resort. The resort and theaters are wheelchair accessible and hearing amplification systems are available. Ask the box office about lunch/dinner packages with Pheasant Run Resort's award-winning Harvest Steak & Seafood Restaurant and newly renovated Garden Atrium Buffet.

Pheasant Run Resort is located at 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL. For tickets, call the Pheasant Run Box Office at 630-584-6342, or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Additional performance information may be obtained at www.noblefool.org.
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