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**ADVENTURE THEATRE TAKES ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY INTERNATIONAL
WITH *JUST A DREAM: THE GREEN PLAY*
PRODUCTION TRAVELS TO SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA FOR ITS INTERNATIONAL DEBUT
BASED ON THE BOOK BY CHRIS VAN ALLSBURG**

GLEN ECHO, MD – [Adventure Theatre](http://adventuretheatre.org), the longest-running children's theatre in the Washington, D.C. area, makes its international debut with *Just a Dream: The Green Play*, which in the Spring of 2011 took the message of environmentalism to over 50 Washington, D.C. area schools and organizations. Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg, author of *Jumanji* and *Polar Express* and directed Adventure Theatre's Producing Artistic Director Michael J. Bobbitt, *Just a Dream: The Green Play* will be presented at Singapore Repertory Theatre's The Little Company (TLC), in Singapore; and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia- August 4 – September 25, 2011. **Adventure Theatre will also be hosting a free open rehearsal and kick-off party of this earth-friendly show in Glen Echo on July 25 at 7pm.** To RSVP or for more information on the open rehearsal, please call Camilla Morrison at 301-634-2271 or email cmorrison@adventuretheatre.org by July 22nd.

Adapted by Sandra Eskin, *Just a Dream: The Green Play* tells the story of young Walter who is far from environmentally responsible. He's a litterbug who believes sorting trash is a big waste of time. But one night, Walter dreams about a very different future. Walter's dream is a wake-up call for him – and all of us – about what we need to do to protect and preserve the future of our planet. Most production materials (costumes, props and sets) will be made of earth-friendly and recycled materials.

Chris Van Allsburg, author of *Just a Dream*, has written and illustrated over 15 books and has illustrated three others that were written by Mark Helprin. In 1980, he was awarded the Caldecott Honor Medal for *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi*. Chris is also the winner of two Caldecott Medals, for *Jumanji* and *The Polar Express*, and was the recipient of the Boston Globe Horn Book Award for *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi*. Additionally, he received the Boston Globe Honor for *The Polar Express* as well as *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*. Chris has also been awarded the Regina Medal for lifetime achievement in children's literature. In 1982, *Jumanji* won the National Book Award and in 1996, it was made into a popular feature film.

Director Michael J. Bobbitt says of the production, "I'm in awe of the response to last year's local touring production of *Just A Dream: The Green Play*, and the result has been this international opportunity for Adventure Theatre. It demonstrates that we are all interconnected in such a small world, and we are aware of our lasting impact on our environment."

Additionally, Adventure Theatre is pleased to bring back its In-School Players touring production of *Just a Dream: The Green Play* April 10 - May 11, 2012 to Washington D.C. area schools and local organizations. For booking information about *Just a Dream: The Green Play*, please call CLASS ACTS ARTS at 301.588.7525 or email at info@classactsarts.org.

Tickets to the open rehearsal of *Just a Dream: The Green Play* on July 25th at 7pm can be reserved by contacting Administrative Manager Camilla Morrison at 301-634-2271 or email cmorrison@adventuretheatre.org by July 22nd. This performance will take place in the rehearsal hall at Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD, 20812 in the historic Glen Echo Park.

ABOUT ADVENTURE THEATRE

Adventure Theatre cultivates new generations of audiences and artists by creating memorable theatre experiences in an intimate and interactive environment, by producing stage adaptations of traditional and popular children's stories, offering creative theatre-education programs (which complement in-school learning), and building community through outreach initiatives. Adventure Theatre, founded in 1951, is the longest-running theatre program for children and families in the Washington metropolitan area. Adventure Theatre is supported, in part, by the [Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County](#), the [Maryland State Arts Council](#), and the National Endowment for the Arts.

ABOUT SINGAPORE REPERATORY THEATRE

Founded in 1993, Singapore Repertory Theatre (SRT) is one of the leading English language theatre producers and presenters in Asia. In addition to its repertoire of original musicals like *Forbidden City: Portrait of an Empress*, the company has produced a number of critically acclaimed plays that include *Into the Woods*, *Rent*, *M. Butterfly*, *They're Playing our Song*, *ART* and *The Pillowman*. For more information, please visit www.srt.com.sg.

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ABOUT SRT'S THE LITTLE COMPANY (TLC)

SRT is also one of the biggest producers of children's theatre in Southeast Asia, with its The Little Company (TLC). SRT's aim is to enthrall children from ages 2-12, with theatre that is written, designed and performed specifically for them by professional adult actors, with a strong belief that theatre can help children develop socially, mentally and emotionally. Past productions include *Christmas and the Gargoyle Who Wouldn't Say Thank You*, *Little Victories*, *The Ugly Duckling*, *The Snow Queen*, *The Selfish Giant*, *The Gingerbread Man*, *Baby Love*, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, *Scrooge – The Musical*, *The Tooth Fairy*, the *Bear and Chicken* series, *The Boy who Cried Wolf*, *The Jungle Book* and *Upstairs in the Sky*. For more information, please visit www.srt.com.sg.

The
Little
Company

A Division of The Singapore Repertory Theatre

“JUST A DREAM: THE GREEN PLAY” FACT SHEET

Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg (The Polar Express & Jumanji)

Adapted by Sandra Eskin

Co-Directed by Michael J. Bobbitt and Roberta Gasbarre

For grades K- 5

CAST

Walter Josh Sticklin
Rose/Truck Driver/Cowgirl/Etc. Ayanna Hardy
TV/Foreman/Horse/Duck/Etc. Alex Vernon

PRODUCTION CREW

Director Michael J. Bobbitt
Artistic Consultant..... Roberta Gasbarre
Playwright Sandra Eskin
Scenic Designer Colin Ranney
Costume Designer Katie Touart
Sound Designer Brandon Roe
Stage Manager Ryan Maxwell
Props Designer Andrea “Dre” Moore

IMPORTANT DATES

Adventure Theatre Open Rehearsal and Kick-Off Party – July 25, 2011 at 7pm

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Washington D.C. Area Touring Production- April 10 - May 11, 2012

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