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## **ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC ANNOUNCES A WORLD PREMIERE REGGAE CHILDREN'S MUSICAL, *THREE LITTLE BIRDS***

*BASED ON A STORY BY CEDELLA MARLEY WITH MUSIC & LYRICS BY BOB MARLEY*

GLEN ECHO, MD – [Adventure Theatre MTC](http://www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org) (ATMTC) announces a world premiere musical, *Three Little Birds*, the fourth in its [Professional 2012-2013 61<sup>st</sup> Season](#), March 15 – April 14, 2013, based on the book by [Cedella Marley](#) with music & lyrics by reggae legend [Bob Marley](#). Tickets are \$19 each and can be purchased online at [www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org](http://www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org) or by calling 301.634.2270.

Ah...yasso nice! Three little birds sing their sweet songs to Ziggy, a very shy child who is happy to see the world from the T.V. in his room. His tricky friend Nansi wants him to get out and enjoy the Island nation of Jamaica. But, Ziggy is afraid of hurricane, mongoose and evil spirits. Their worldly adventure is enlivened by the fantastic songs of renowned Reggae artist, Bob Marley. Roots, Rock, Reggae!

Directed by Nick Olcott and adapted for the stage by ATMTC's Producing Artistic Director, [Michael J. Bobbitt](#), *Three Little Birds* brings to life not only a beautiful story, but an African-Caribbean culture and music that heavily influenced African-American music in the mid 1900's and continues to influence it today. As a result, *Three Little Birds* is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Adventure Theatre MTC's African –American Adventure Series. The second of this series, *The Snowy Day*, is nominated for Outstanding Production, Theatre for Young Audiences in the 2013 Helen Hayes Awards and the first, *Mirandy and Brother Wind* was a finalist in the 2012 NY Musical Theater Festival.

*Three Little Birds* is recommended for Ages 4+. Tickets are \$19 each with group and field trip rates available. Children under the age of 1 are free. **The press performance will be Sunday, March 17 at 2pm.** All performances will take place at Adventure Theatre MTC, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD, 20812 in the historic Glen Echo Park.

Michael J. Bobbitt, Producing Artistic Director at Adventure Theatre MTC says of the show, "Jamaica may be a small island nation, but its presence has been felt globally, especially in America. We have been so blessed to have support from Cedella Marley, who was amazing to work with on this project and allowed us to introduce her words and her father's music to a new generation."

### **ABOUT ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC**

Adventure Theatre (founded in 1951) and Musical Theater Center (founded in 1986) merged into one organization, [Adventure Theatre MTC](http://www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org), in 2012. Located in Glen Echo Park (Glen Echo, MD) and Wintergreen Plaza (Rockville, MD), ATMTC cultivates new generations of artists and audiences by creating memorable theatrical productions and by providing young people the highest quality musical theater training. ATMTC serves students at all skill levels and families from diverse communities, approximately 75,000 people annually.

## **“THREE LITTLE BIRDS” FACT SHEET**

**March 15 – April 14, 2013**

Based on the story by Cedella Marley

Music & Lyrics by Bob Marley

Adapted for the stage by Michael J. Bobbitt

Additional music & lyrics by John L. Cornelli, II

Directed by Nick Olcott

Ages 4 and up

### **CAST (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)**

Ziggy .....	Jobari Parker-Namdar
Duppy, et al .....	S. Lewis Feemster
Doctor Bird .....	David John Little
Nansi, et al .....	Brittany N. Williams
Cedella, et al .....	Ayanna Hardy
Tacoomah, et al .....	Tara Yates-Reeves

### **PRODUCTION CREW**

Director .....	Nick Olcott
Assistant Director .....	Adi Stein
Choreographer .....	Michael J. Bobbitt
Dramaturg .....	Sybil Roberts
Dialect Coaches .....	Kim James Bey, Jennifer Mendenhall
Music Director .....	Darius Smith
Arrangements/Orchestrations .....	John L. Cornelli, II
Set Designer .....	Joe Musumeci
Costume Designer .....	Kendra Rai
Properties Designer .....	Andrea “Dre” Moore
Lighting Designer .....	Brian Allard
Sound Designer .....	Neil McFadden
Stage Manager.....	Will Richardson
Production Associate .....	Julie Roedersheimer
Scenic Charge.....	Steven Royal
Master Electrician.....	Sarah Mackowski
Asst. Stage Manager/Stage Management Intern .....	Madeleine Evans

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Production Run Dates – March 15 – April 14, 2013**

**Spring Break Performances-** March 26 - April 1, 2013 at 11am & 2pm

**Pajama Party–** March 15, 2013 at 7pm

**Press Opening –** Sunday, March 17, 2013 at 2pm

**Sensory/Autism Friendly Performance-** April 13, 2013 at 2pm

**American Sign Language Performance –** March 30, 2013 at 2pm

#### **Sundays**

March 17, 24 .....

11am & 2pm

April 7, 14 .....

11am & 2pm

#### **Mondays**

April 1 .....

11am & 2pm

#### **Tuesdays**

March 19 .....

10:30am

March 26 ..... 11am & 2pm  
April 9 ..... 10:30am

**Wednesdays**

March 20 ..... 10:30am  
March 27 ..... 11am & 2pm  
April 10 ..... 10:30am

**Thursdays**

March 21 ..... 10:30am  
March 28 ..... 11am & 2pm  
April 11 ..... 10:30am

**Fridays**

March 15 ..... 7pm  
March 22 ..... 10:30am  
March 29 ..... 11am & 2pm  
April 12 ..... 10:30am

**Saturdays**

March 16 ..... 11am & 2pm  
March 23, 30 ..... 11am, 2pm & 4:30pm  
April 6, 13 ..... 11am, 2pm & 4:30pm

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