

Audiences Encounter Powerful Multisensory Experience

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time *Offers Glimpse into Mind of Child on Autism Spectrum*

(July 29, 2019 – PHOENIX) Getting to peek inside someone’s mind and truly see the world from another person’s perspective is a gift given in the upcoming production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. The theatrical experience about an extraordinary boy and coping with family drama makes its debut at The Phoenix Theatre Company in central Phoenix, Oct. 9-Nov. 10, 2019.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time tells the story of 15-year-old Christopher Boone and the mystery surrounding the death of a neighbor’s dog. Christopher is not only a mathematical genius, but also on the autism spectrum, providing a unique perspective as the storyteller. During Christopher’s turn as an aspiring detective, the investigation takes a personal turn where he must leave the safety of his hometown to discover the truth about the murder and himself.

Set in Christopher’s brain, the audience experiences nontraditional storytelling through a stunning mix of multimedia effects intended to mimic the over-stimulation the protagonist must endure to continue to pursue his case. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* explores the complex relationship between a father and son, the effects of keeping family secrets and an immersive adventure inside the mind of a gifted child.

"I have a deep appreciation for how this story is told," said Karla Koskinen, director. "Theatre is a great tool for empathy; it challenges the audience to use their brains and their hearts in new ways. The inability to express what you want to say is a core human experience, and at some level, everyone in the play experiences it. In *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, it may be most apparent for Christopher and his family, but the struggle to clearly communicate is universal. And, although the play deals with serious subjects, you can’t help but feel charged and uplifted by the ending. It’s more than a happy ending, it’s an empowering ending."

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time opened on Broadway in fall 2014 and ran for two years. It won five Tony awards, including Best Play.

The Phoenix Theatre Company’s production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* features Greg Nussen as the lead character, Christopher, Michel Kary and Kelly Pekar as Christopher’s father and mother respectively, and Elizabeth Brownlee Blair as Christopher’s mentor. Show-goers can count on the best local and national talent with the highest production values. It’s the perfect show for The Phoenix Theatre Company’s 100th season!

Tickets are on sale now and start at just \$32. To purchase by phone, call (602) 254-2151 or visit www.phoenixtheatre.com.

ABOUT THE PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY

The Phoenix Theatre Company is the largest professional regional theatre company in Arizona. As the first arts organization in Arizona and a founding member of the Central Arts District, The Phoenix Theatre Company is committed to advancing performing arts in the Valley with nearly 500 performances each year on multiple stages. Located at 1825 N. Central Ave in Phoenix, The Phoenix Theatre

Company's mission is to create exceptional experiences by using the arts to articulate messages that inspire hope and understanding. The Phoenix Theatre Company is currently celebrating its 100th anniversary. For more information, visit www.phoenixtheatre.com.

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