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WORLD PREMIERE
**MARIN THEATRE COMPANY'S SCHOOL TOUR PRESENTS
ANIMAL vs. ANIMAL: AN AESOP'S FABLES MASHUP**

By Steve Yockey | Directed by Josh Costello

Marin Theatre Company brings live theater to Marin County Schools, with public performances scheduled in the Lieberman Theatre

MILL VALLEY, CA—Marin Theatre Company's School Tour presents the World Premiere of *Animal vs. Animal: an Aesop's Fables mashup* by Steve Yockey. Commissioned by MTC, this take on the classic Aesop's Fables comes to life on stage in elementary schools from February 22 through March 28, 2010. In addition, public performances will take place in MTC's Lieberman Theatre March 20, 21, 27, and 28 at 1PM.

Edna and Irwin are the best Aesop's Fables touring team around, but the "animal magic" is starting to wear thin. Can these astoundingly mismatched personalities really survive as a duo? Can stories like *The Tortoise & The Hare* save the day? Will Edna and Irwin even make it through today's performance? *Animal vs. Animal* is a 45-minute performance for children grades K–6 and their families.

MTC commissioned this new adaptation of Aesop's Fables from playwright **Steve Yockey** for its School Tour program. Steve is also a playwright-in-residence at MTC this season through a National New Play Network grant, one of three National New Play Network playwrights-in-residence in the U.S. He has had several plays produced in the Bay Area including his new play *Large Animal Games* at Impact Theatre in November 2009, and *Octopus* co-produced by Encore Theatre Company and Magic Theatre in 2008.

Director **Josh Costello** is MTC's Artistic Director of Expanded Programs. Last season, he directed the hit production of Athol Fugard's *My Children! My Africa!* and the School Tour production of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

The cast includes **Danielle Levin**, seen in MTC's recent production of *My Name is Asher Lev*, and **Patrick Jones** who makes his MTC debut after numerous productions in New York and around the U.S.

FACTS & CALENDAR INFORMATION

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PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

When: Sat, March 20 & 27 | Sun, March 21 & 28 | 1pm

Where: **Marin Theatre Company** | Lieberman Theatre | 397 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Tickets: \$10 for students | \$15 for adults

Info: 415.388.5208 | www.marintheatre.org

SCHOOL TOUR

When: February 22 through March 28, 2010

For more information about booking performances in elementary schools, please contact Josh Costello, MTC's Artistic Director of Expanded Programs, at education@marintheatre.org or call 415.388.5200 x3310.

ABOUT MTC. MTC is the Bay Area's premiere mid-sized theater and the leading professional theater in the North Bay. We produce a season of provocative plays by passionate playwrights. MTC's Expanded Programs open up opportunities for people of all ages and all communities to participate in the joyous, challenging, and inspiring process of theater, providing educational programs that serve more than 6,000 students each year.

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