

## **Main Street Theater Announces Its 2010-2011 Theater for Youth Season**

Main Street Theater proudly announces the 31<sup>st</sup> season for its Theater for Youth which serves over 100,000 children and families. “I am so excited about the upcoming season,” says Vivienne M. St. John, Theater for Youth Producing Director at MST. “Opening with *Busytown*, from the wildly popular Richard Scarry series and his wacky characters - Huckle, Alfalfa and Sergeant Murphy and then on to the timeless, holiday classic, *Madeline's Christmas* and the ‘twelve little girls in two straight lines,’ there is something for everyone. Families will be enchanted as the Narnia series comes to the stage with the adventures in *The Magician's Nephew*, and what child (or adult!) doesn't relate to having one of those really bad days as in *Alexander and the Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. Finally closing the season, *Bunnacula*, last seen at MST in 2002, will send chills up your spine and cool you off for the summer with the eeriness of the vampire bunny. We look forward to Houston-area families joining us as we journey through the pages of some of literature's greats!”

Main Street's TY remains Houston's most-attended theater for youth. Season subscriptions are available now. Single tickets go on sale August 1. 713-524-6706 or [www.mainstreettheater.com](http://www.mainstreettheater.com)

### **Five In-House Productions**

#### **Busytown**

A play adapted by Kevin Kling

Based on the books of Richard Scarry

Music by Michael Koerner

Lyrics by Kevin Kling and Michael Koerner

Directed by Meghan C. Hakes

Recommended for Pre-Kindergarten and up

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES: Monday, September 27 – Friday, October 29, 2010

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2010 at 1pm and 4pm

#### **Madeline's Christmas**

Book and lyrics by Jennifer Kirkeby

Music by Shirley Mier

Based on the book by Ludwig Bemelmans

Directed by Mark Adams

Recommended for Pre-Kindergarten and up

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES: Monday, November 8 – Thursday, December 16, 2010

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES: November 26 @ 11:30am;  
November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2010 at 1pm and 4pm

#### **The Magician's Nephew**

A dramatization by Aurand Harris

Adapted from the story by C.S. Lewis

With optional music by William Penn

Directed by Troy Scheid

Recommended for Fourth Grade and up

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES: Monday, January 31 – Friday, February 18, 2011

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES: February 5 & 12, 2011 at 1pm and 4pm

**Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day**

Based on the book by Judith Viorst

Lyrics by Judith Viorst

Music by Shelly Markham

Directed by Daria James

Recommended for Pre-Kindergarten and up

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES: Monday, February 28 – Friday, April 1, 2011

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES: March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2011 at 1pm and 4pm AND  
Spring Break - March 14 - 18 @ 11:30am

**Bunicula**

Based on the book by James Howe

Adapted for the stage by Jon Klein

Music by Chris Jeffries

Directed by Mark Adams

Recommended for First Grade and up

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES: Monday, April 11 – Friday, May 20, 2011

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES: April 16, 30 and May 7, 14, 2011 at 1pm and 4pm

**Touring Production**

**Hank the Cowdog and the Curse of the Incredible Priceless Corncob**

Based on the "Hank the Cowdog" series of books by John Erickson

Adapted for the stage by John Erickson and Vicki and Larry Patton

Music and Lyrics by John Erickson

Directed by Rebecca Greene Udden

Recommended for Pre-Kindergarten - 5th Grade

TOUR DATES: October 18 – December 17, 2010 and February 14 – May 13, 2011

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

**FOR FAMILY PERFORMANCES**

Subscriptions to in-house shows are on sale now.

Single tickets are \$14 and \$12.

For more information, including information about subscriptions and group ticket pricing,  
please call 713-524-6706 or visit [www.mainstreettheater.com](http://www.mainstreettheater.com)

**FOR SCHOOL MATINEES**

To book a performance for a school, call 713-524-9196 x 101 or visit [www.mainstreettheater.com](http://www.mainstreettheater.com)

**FOR THE HANK THE COWDOG TOUR**

To book a performance for a school or community center, call 713-524-9196 x 105 or visit  
[www.mainstreettheater.com](http://www.mainstreettheater.com)

Since 1975, Main Street Theater has produced high quality professional theater for audiences of all ages through its MainStage productions and Theater for Youth. The Main Street Theater Kids On Stage program offers performing arts classes and camps for children 5 years to 14 years of age. The organization produces plays at two locations, 2540 Times Boulevard in Rice Village and 4617 Montrose Boulevard at Chelsea Market.

Main Street Theater is a member of the Fresh Arts Coalition, a collaboration of 25 arts organizations that work collectively to raise awareness of the size and diversity of the arts in Houston, and a constituent of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national service organization for not-for-profit theaters. Main Street Theater offers a lively year-round repertory of classic and contemporary plays for audiences of all ages and provides a much-needed showcase for Houston theater professionals. Main Street Theater is also a member of Actors' Equity Association and of ASSITEJ, the world theatre network of theatre for children and young people. Main Street Theater is funded in part by grants from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

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