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TORONTO PREMIERE OF NEW ZEALAND CHILDREN'S CLASSIC AT LKTYP

Toronto ON (Wednesday, February 8, 2006) - Lorraine Kimsa Theatre For Young People is proud to present the Toronto premiere of *The Man Whose Mother Was a Pirate* by best-selling author **Margaret Mahy**, adapted for the stage by **Paula Wing**. The show runs in the Studio March 14 to April 6, 2006.

Sam was an ordinary person who wore an ordinary suit and ordinary shoes. He worked in a neat office writing down figures all day. But Sam's mother was a PIRATE!

In this engaging story the pirate mama drags her happy, numbers-obsessed, accountant son on a voyage to sail the fourteen seas. Along the way, they encounter people who also pine to set sail, but cannot summon the courage to follow. Ultimately, it's a lively and enchanting tale about knowing who you are, where you belong, and why a break from routine can be a good idea.

Margaret Mahy is a well-known award-winning New Zealand author of children's and young adult books. Among her children's books, *A Lion in the Meadow* and *The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate* are considered national classics. Her novels have been translated into German, French, Spanish, Dutch, Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, Finnish, Italian, Japanese, Catalanian and Afrikaans. Paula Wing is an award-winning local playwright whose previous work includes *Number One* and *Jamie* at LKTYP and *The Secret Garden* at the Seattle Children's Theatre.

Directed by **MYRNA WYATT SELKIRK**. Featuring **RICHARD BINSLEY**, **DEANN DEGRUIJTER** and **GREGORY PREST**. **MICHAEL GIANFRANCESCO**, Set Designer; **MARY FULFORD-WINSOR**, Costume Designer; **CATHY NOSATY**, Composer; **HEIDI MCDONALD**, Lighting Designer; **KATHRYN PORTER**, Stage Manager.

The Man Whose Mother Was a Pirate
by Margaret Mahy

Adapted for the stage by **Paula Wing**
STUDIO | TORONTO PREMIERE

Preview on March 14 at 2:00 PM, **Opening** on Thursday, March 15 at 10:00 AM
Show runs to April 2, 2006 | Recommended for ages 4 to 7
Tickets: \$20 adults; \$15 kids (18 & under); all prices incl. GST
BOX OFFICE: 416 862-2222 | Schedule & ONLINE TICKETS at www.lktyp.ca

About LKTYP: *Celebrating 40 Years of Young People's Theatre!*

Since 1966, LKTYP has been using live performance to validate the common experiences young people encounter as they grow up in an increasingly complex world. LKTYP's performances are designed to help children and youth identify with the issues they face today and offer a platform for addressing these challenges in an entertaining way. LKTYP is the largest non-profit theatre company for young audiences in Canada and presents new Canadian plays, innovative works and classics from children's literature throughout the season. A multi-faceted centre for learning through the arts, LKTYP offers evening and weekend performances for family audiences, integrated school programs weekdays for students, workshops for teachers and a year-round Drama School.

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