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Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People premieres stage adaptation of award-winning book, *Pobby and Dingan*

LKTYP is proud to present the stage adaptation of *Pobby and Dingan*. Based on the award-winning book by Australian author, **Ben Rice**, *Pobby and Dingan* is a beautiful parable about how even ordinary people can become heroes to help those they love. Adapted for the stage by **Paula Wing**, *Pobby and Dingan* runs on the Mainstage between April 20 and May 10. This play was first presented as a staged reading in April 2008, at the **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**, as part of *New Visions/New Voices*.

Pobby and Dingan is an inspiring and uplifting story that exquisitely captures the essence of a young child and the companionship and magic of an imaginary friend. Kellyanne, a young girl in an Australian Outback mining town, has two invisible friends whom everyone in town loves – except her older brother Ashmol. He hates them because they're not real and no one will admit it! When the imaginary friends Pobby and Dingan go missing and Kellyanne becomes ill, Ashmol must find them in an extraordinary effort to save his sister.

"I am from a large family" says Artistic Director, **Allen MacInnis**, *"so this story about sibling conflict and love appealed to me right away. But even more compelling is the way Paula Wing has captured – theatrically – the townsfolk of Lightning Ridge who all make a leap with their imaginations for the sake of Kellyanne's imaginary friends. Everyone in the play gains more than they could have expected by being willing to believe in what cannot be seen."*

Directed by **Stewart Arnott**. Featuring **Benjamin Clost, Deborah Drakeford, Martin Julien, Laura Schutt** and **Aaron Stern**.

Set & Costume Designer **Camellia Koo**; Lighting Designer **Andrea Lundy**; Sound Designer **Thomas Ryder Payne**; Stage Manager **Andrea Schurman**; Assistant Stage Manager **Kinnon Elliott**.

Pobby and Dingan

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Recommended for ages 9-16

MAINSTAGE | Apr. 20 - May 10, 2009

Opening: Thursday, April 23 at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People | 165 Front Street East, Toronto

Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$15 Kids (under 18) and Grandparents (Seniors 65+)

BOX OFFICE: 416 862-2222 | Schedule and online tickets: lktyp.ca

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