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Wynken, Blynken & Nod sets sail for imaginative seas at The Rose *Theatrical adventure designed to introduce children to the theater*

(OMAHA, Nebr.) A trio of fun-loving adventurers set sail among a star-filled sky in The Rose Theater's latest First Stage production, the world premiere production of ***Wynken, Blynken & Nod***. The 45-minute interactive production designed for very young audiences opens at The Rose Theater on its Hitchcock Stage on February 10 and continues through March 4, 2018.

Wynken, Blynken & Nod is based on the poem of the same name by Eugene Field. Rose artist educator Ashley Lavery has adapted the piece to appeal to young theatergoers, first time audiences and children with special needs. Told through non-verbal creative movement and charming puppetry, audiences will "sail on a river of crystal light into a sea of dew," (as the words of the original poem say).

The 45-minute production is filled with visual delights (but without any loud sounds or full blackouts), making the show especially suited for children over age two. The show doesn't rely on loud or busy action to hold the audience's attention, but will instead engage their curiosity and imaginations. Parents can expect a soft, gentle story reminiscent of a lullaby, quietly engaging young imaginations with wonder and humor.

In ***Wynken, Blynken & Nod***, the characters discover a variety of curiosities as they sail among the stars. They interact with the moon; they discover treasures; they dance with sea creatures. Lauren Crabtree's dreamy set design is filled with floating, billowing fluff, evoking a sense of the sky, the sea and dreamland in general.

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With its low reliance on spoken language, ***Wynken, Blynken & Nod*** is simple and silly at times, making it ideal for young children and for children on the autism spectrum. The show has been designed specifically for first-time theater-goers with simple scenes and a gentle storyline.

Wynken, Blynken & Nod is recommended for families of children ages two and up. The show is approximately 45 minutes long without an intermission. It is presented on The Rose's Hitchcock Stage, the black box-style theater on the theater's fourth floor.

The show runs February 10 through March 4, 2018, with performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 am; and Mondays at 10 am. Contact The Rose Box Office at (402) 345-4849 for more information.

Tickets for ***Wynken, Blynken & Nod*** are \$12. Members of The Rose receive discounted tickets to the production.

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