

## CALENDAR LISTING

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**WHO:** Chicago Playworks for Families and Young Audiences

**WHAT:** **SIDEWAYS STORIES FROM WAYSIDE SCHOOL**, adapted by John Olive from Louis Sachar's Wayside School novels

Based on three of Sachar's best-selling Wayside School novels, **SIDEWAYS STORIES FROM WAYSIDE SCHOOL** tells the tales of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways. Instead of being one story high with 30 classrooms, it's actually 30 stories high with one classroom on each floor (but they have an extra large playground!). And some say the teachers and students at Wayside School are strange and silly . . . and so will you. This play encourages non-horizontal thinking, and is recommended for ages eight and up. Chicago Playworks presented Sachar's popular *THERE'S A BOY IN THE GIRLS BATHROOM* in 2005, and he also wrote the popular Newbery Medal-winning book turned into a movie *HOLES*. Please note this production replaces the previously announced play *THE DREAM CATCHER*.

**WHEN:** October 31 – December 2, 2006

Regular run is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM, and Saturdays at 2 PM  
 Added 10 AM shows on 11/27, 11/29 and 12/1; no shows on 11/23 and 11/25  
 Post-show discussion on 11/16

**WHERE:** DePaul's Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Drive (at Michigan), Chicago, IL 60605

Parking: Discount parking available with coupons from the Box Office

Public Transportation: The theatre is accessible via CTA buses (3-King Drive, 29-State, and 146-Michigan/Museums) and El stops (Red - Harrison stop, Blue - LaSalle stop, Brown/Orange/Purple/Pink - Library stop)

**ADMISSION:** Tickets are \$8. Subscriptions and group rates (15 or more people) are available at (312) 922-0999. Seniors (over 60), DePaul employees and alumni, and college students receive a discount (with ID).

**BOX OFFICE/ INFORMATION:** For tickets and info, contact (312) 922-1999 or [theatreboxoffice@depaul.edu](mailto:theatreboxoffice@depaul.edu)  
 Tickets may also be purchased at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) and [www.hotix.org](http://www.hotix.org)

Further information available at <http://theatreschool.depaul.edu/showmain.php>  
 Mailing list sign-up at <http://theatreschool.depaul.edu/signup.php>

**EDUCATION:** Free Teacher/Production Guides are available on request and on the Web site.

**ASL INTERPRETED PERFORMANCES:** The performances on Thursday, November 9 (10 AM) and Saturday, November 11 (2 PM) will be interpreted in American Sign Language - TTY (773) 325-7975.

**STAFF:** **Brandy Austin** (Director), **Linda Buchanan** (Scenic Design), **Coral Cable** (Costume Design), **Alec Kinastowski** (Lighting Design), **Mallie Halterman** (Sound Design), **Caitlin Hansen** and **Evan Fillon** (Dramaturgy) and **Kelsey Lamm** (Stage Manager).

**CAST:** **Josephine Keefe**, **Grace Lowman**, **James Lusk**, **Matthew Olson**, **Juan Gabriel Ruiz**, **Kristen Secrist**, **Christa Sheary** and **Dustin Valenta**.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** **11/4/06, EDUARDO'S DAY and OPENING DAY AUTOGRAPH SESSION**

Audiences this day are eligible to win a pizza party for 20 and other prizes from Eduardo's Natural Pizza. After the show, join the cast for autographs and photo opportunities.

**11/11/06, CHICAGO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM DAY and ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Audiences this day are eligible to win a family membership and other prizes from the Chicago Children's Museum. After the show, enjoy an ice-cream treat, discussion and autograph session with the director and cast at the Hilton Chicago and Towers. Tickets for this event are \$5 and are available at (312) 922-1999.

**11/18/06, NOTEBAERT NATURE MUSEUM DAY**

Audiences this day are eligible to win a family membership and other prizes from the Notebaert Museum.

**12/2/06, GLAZED EXPRESSIONS DAY**

Audiences this day are eligible to win a birthday party for 15 and other prizes from this "make your own pottery" store.

**DINNER OFFERS:** Receive a 15% discount at the Pavilion Restaurant, Buckingham's or Kitty O'Sheas (all at the Hilton Chicago and Towers) with coupons from the Box Office.

**MEDIA:** Media comps, photos, videos and interviews are available on request.

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