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ATMTC ANNOUNCES A WORLD PREMIERE MUSICAL, *BIG NATE*

*BASED ON THE SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP AND NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING,
INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING BOOK SERIES BY LINCOLN PEIRCE*

GLEN ECHO, MD – [Adventure Theatre MTC](#) (ATMTC) announces a world premiere musical, *Big Nate*, the fifth in its [Professional 2012-2013 61st Season](#), May 3- June 2, 2013, based on the internationally syndicated daily and Sunday comic strip and best-selling book series by [Lincoln Peirce](#) and directed by Helen Hayes Award Winner for ATMTC's *A Year With Frog and Toad*, [Michael Baron](#). With the book by new Olney Theater Center Artistic Director and Off-Broadway playwright [Jason Loewith](#) and music by Helen Hayes Award Recipient [Christopher Youstra](#), this world premiere musical show is as funny, heartwarming and touching as the *Big Nate* books which have spent 97 weeks (as of April 8) on the [New York Times Bestseller List](#). Tickets are \$19 each and can be purchased online at www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org or by calling 301.634.2270.

This world-premiere musical brings to the stage chronicles of [Nate Wright](#), a detention-riddled sixth grader (and drummer for the greatest garage band in the history of the galaxy, Enslave the Mollusk!). Nate hopes to woo beautiful Jenny away from her boyfriend Artur by winning "The Nickelodeon", the first prize in his school's Battle of the Bands. But when Artur and Jenny team up with Nate's arch-rival Gina to form the sap-pop band, Rainbows and Ponies, Nate must take his game to an all-star level.

Lincoln Peirce, author and illustrator of [Big Nate](#), says of the production, "For over twenty years, in the *Big Nate* comic strip and chapter books, Nate Wright has been a star in his own mind -- a self-described sixth grade Renaissance man destined for greatness. So I think it's a logical next step for Nate to be stepping out as the star of *Big Nate: the Musical*. His larger-than-life personality is a perfect fit for the bright lights of the big stage. I'm absolutely delighted that ATMTC and *Big Nate* will be making beautiful music together." Peirce's [Big Nate](#) book series has sold more than 6 million books worldwide (translated into 27 languages) since 2010 and won the [2012 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers](#), [Young Readers Choice Award of the Pacific Northwest Libraries](#), and the international [Phoenix Book Award from the Children's Literature Association](#).

Michael J. Bobbitt, Producing Artistic Director of Adventure Theatre MTC says of the production, "I love the character of Nate Wright. He's a good kid from a single-father home who lands himself in trouble because he wants to find his place in the world. I think everyone can relate to him on some level of wanting to find a place to thrive."

Big Nate is recommended for ages 5+. Tickets are \$19 each with group and field trip rates available. Children under the age of 1 are free. **The press performance will be Sunday, May 5 at 2pm.** All performances will take place at Adventure Theatre MTC, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD, 20812 in the historic Glen Echo Park.

ABOUT ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC

Adventure Theatre (founded in 1951) and Musical Theater Center (founded in 1986) merged into one organization, [Adventure Theatre MTC](#), in 2012. Located in Glen Echo Park (Glen Echo, MD) and Wintergreen Plaza (Rockville, MD), ATMTC cultivates new generations of artists and audiences by creating memorable theatrical productions and by providing young people the highest quality musical theater training. ATMTC serves students at all skill levels and families from diverse communities, approximately 75,000 people annually.

“BIG NATE” FACT SHEET

May 3 – June 2, 2013

Based on the comic strip and books by Lincoln Peirce

Book by Jason Loewith

Lyrics by Chris Youstra & Jason Loewith

Music by Chris Youstra

Directed by Michael Baron

All 5 and up

CAST (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Nate Wright	Sam Ludwig
Gina Hemphill-Toms/Mrs. Czerwicki/Galvinator #1	Angela Miller
Jenny/Coach John/Pickles/Galvinator #2/Principal Nichols	Shayna Blass
Ellen Wright/Mrs. Godfrey	Ayanna Hardy
Artur Pashkov/Marty Wright/Mr. Staples/Spitsy/Calvin.....	Tim Rogan
Francis Butthurst Pope/Mrs. Hickson/Mrs. Shipulski.....	Joshua Dick
Teddy “√” Ortiz/Mr. Galvin	David Little
U/S Nate/Teddy.....	Philip Da Costa
U/S Gina	Erica Clare
U/S Jenny/Ellen.....	Angeleaza Anderson
U/S Artur	Alex Alferov
U/S Francis	Jay Garrick

PRODUCTION CREW

Director	Michael Baron
Assistant Director	Evan Hoffman
Writer	Jason Loewith
Music Director/Composer.....	Christopher Youstra
Choreographer.....	Kate Arnold Wernick
Set Designer	Misha Kachman
Costume Designer	Chelsey Schuller
Properties Designer	Andrea “Dre” Moore
Lighting Designer	Jason Arnold
Sound Designer	Kenny Neal
Projections Designer	JJ Kaczynski
Stage Manager.....	Tre Wheeler
Production Associate	Julie Roedersheimer
Scenic Charge.....	Steven Royal
Master Electrician.....	Sarah Mackowski
Asst. Stage Manager/Stage Management Intern	Madeleine Evans

IMPORTANT DATES

Production Run Dates – May 3 – June 2, 2013

Pajama Party– May 3, 2013 at 7pm

Press Opening – Sunday, May 5, 2013 at 2pm

Sensory/Autism Friendly Performance- May 25, 2013 at 2pm

American Sign Language Performance – May 18, 2013 at 2pm

Sundays

May 5, 12, 19, 26	11am & 2pm
June 2	11am & 2pm

Mondays

May 27	11am & 2pm
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Tuesdays

May 7, 14, 21 10:30am

Wednesdays

May 8, 15, 22, 29 10:30am

Thursdays

May 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30am

Fridays

May 3 7pm

May 10, 17, 24, 31 10:30am

Saturdays

May 4 11am & 2pm

May 11, 18, 25 11am, 2pm & 4:30pm

June 1 11am, 2pm & 4:30pm

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