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**ADVENTURE THEATRE LAUNCHES 60TH ANNIVERSARY WITH
LILLY'S PURPLE PLASTIC PURSE**

STARRING HELEN-HAYES NOMINEE AND AT FAVORITE FELICIA CURRY AS LILLY

GLEN ECHO, MD – [Adventure Theatre](http://www.adventuretheatre.org), recent Helen Hayes Recipient and the longest-running children's theatre in the Washington, D.C. area, launches its **2011-2012 60th Anniversary Season** with *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*. Directed by Nick Olcott and based on the book by Kevin Henkes, *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* stars Helen-Hayes Nominee Felicia Curry as Lilly and runs September 23- October 31, 2011. Tickets are \$17 each and can be purchased through the box office by calling 301-634-2270 or online at www.adventuretheatre.org. The **press performance** will be **Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 2pm**.

Lilly loves all sorts of things. She loves school, she loves dressing up, and she even grows to love her "stinky baby brother," Julius. In fact, Lilly loves everything! At least, she loves everything most of the time. Even Lilly has some bad days, but when you have movie star sunglasses and a purple plastic purse, how bad can it be?

Director Nick Olcott says of the show, "Lilly of the Purple Plastic Purse is one amazing rodent: unpredictable, irrepressible, and indescribable. We've got the cast and designers to make this delightful tale of idol worship, pride of ownership, and sibling rivalry an unforgettable experience for kids and parents alike. No one who's ever talked backwards for a day, worn Band-aids as a fashion statement, or endured a time-out for bad behavior will be able to resist this story."

Michael J. Bobbitt, Producing Artistic Director at Adventure Theatre agrees, "We are so excited to have Felicia Curry, star of *Mirandy and Brother Wind*, back for this exciting whirlwind of a show! Under the direction of Nick Olcott, this wonderful cast and crew will make kids of all ages want to wear their movie star sunglasses too!"

Adventure Theatre's community engagement program, Share the Adventure, is continuing with Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse with an arts supplies drive to benefit Northwest Settlement House in Washington, D.C. in creating a Light Bulb Lab, a creative corner for kids. Supplies may be dropped off in Adventure Theatre's lobby during the run of Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse. Visit www.adventuretheatre.org for updates on accepted art supplies.

Tickets can be purchased through the box office by calling 301-634-2270 or online at www.adventuretheatre.org. Tickets are \$17 each. Group and field trip rates are also available. Children under the age of 1 are free. All performances will take place at Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD, 20812 in the historic Glen Echo Park.

The **press performance** will be on **Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 2pm**. For more information on Adventure Theatre's [2011-2012 60th Anniversary Season](#), visit www.adventuretheatre.org.

ABOUT ADVENTURE THEATRE

Founded in 1951, Adventure Theatre is the longest-running children's theater in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region. Our mission is *to cultivate new generations of audiences and artists by creating memorable theater experiences in an intimate and interactive environment*. Adventure Theatre offers a wide variety of activities including live performances of classic and contemporary classic children's stories, theater classes and camps (which complement in-school learning), workshops, birthday parties, and community engagement projects. The Theatre reaches over 50,000 children and families annually from Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and beyond. Adventure Theatre is supported in part through the generous support of the [Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County](#), the [Maryland State Arts Council](#) and the [National Endowment for the Arts](#).

"LILLY'S PURPLE PLASTIC PURSE" FACT SHEET

September 23 – October 31

From the book by Kevin Henkes
Adapted for the stage by Kevin Kling
Directed by Nick Olcott
Starring Felicia Curry
All Ages

CAST

Lilly	Felicia Curry
Julius/Victor/Dawson	Troy Jennings
Chester	S. Lewis Feemster
Father/Mr. Slinger.....	Robbie Gay
Wilson	Elliott Kashner
Garland.....	Raven Bonniwell
Mother	Soneyet Muhammad

PRODUCTION CREW

Director	Nick Olcott
Movement Coach.....	Karen Abromaitis
Set Designer	Joseph Musumeci
Costume Designer	Kendra Rai
Lighting Designer.....	Brian Allard
Sound Designer	Neil McFadden
Properties Designer	Dre Moore
Stage Manager	Toni Goldberg
Scenic Artist	Sasha Goldstein
Master Electrician	Sarah MacKowski

IMPORTANT DATES

Production Run Dates – September 23- October 31
Pajama Party– Friday, September 23 at 7pm
Press Opening – Sunday, September 25 at 2pm
Book Club Performance – Saturday, October 1 at 2pm
Sensory/Autism Friendly Performance- Saturday, October 29 at 2pm
American Sign Language Performance – Saturday, October 8 at 2pm

Sundays

September 25.....	11am & 2pm
October 2, 9 16, 23 30.....	11am & 2pm

Mondays

October 31	11am & 2pm
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Tuesdays

October 4, 11, 18, 25 10:30am

Wednesdays

October 5, 12, 18, 26 10:30am

Thursdays

October 6, 13, 20, 27 10:30am

Fridays

October 7, 14, 21, 28 10:30am

Saturdays

September 24..... 11am & 2pm

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 11am, 2pm & 4:30pm

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