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Virginia Repertory Theatre

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**Virginia Repertory Theatre Announces Premiere of  
*Have You Filled A Bucket Today? The Musical!***

**Written and Directed by Scott Wichmann with Music by Jason Marks  
based on the play and book by Ann Marie Gardiner Halstead**

RICHMOND, VA--- Virginia Repertory will present a public performance of *Have You Filled a Bucket Today? The Musical!*, at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, March 19, 2017, at Virginia Rep's Children's Theatre, 1601 Willow Lawn Drive. This new musical is by **Scott Wichmann** with music by **Jason Marks** and based on the play *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* and book *Bucket Filling Fairy* by **Ann Marie Gardiner Halstead**.

Part of Virginia Rep's Community Health and Wellness program and Virginia Rep on Tour, the musical began touring schools in January in Virginia and will continue to perform regionally. Halstead's play and book are based upon the original book by **Carol McCloud**, which was published in 2006 and popularized the now widespread concept of "bucket filling." Bucket filling is a metaphor for doing caring things for others - filling their "buckets," and ultimately results in personal self-esteem. The concept of bucket filling is now used in schools across the world to teach students how easy and rewarding it is to spread kindness and caring as a deterrent to bullying behavior.

Halstead approached Virginia Rep's founding producer **Bruce Miller** about the idea of touring her play through Virginia Rep on Tour, one of the nation's largest children's theatre touring programs. Virginia Rep agreed to develop and produce a new musical based upon the play, and Wichmann and Marks were tasked with the adaptation. Wichmann has directed many touring shows for Virginia Rep and with Marks wrote *Hawatha* and *Ben Franklin and His Kite*. Marks has served as musical director for many touring shows and co-wrote the music for *Goaker: The Frog Prince Musical* and *Elis Island, Getaway to Dreams*.

The event will include a book signing by Halstead and a meet and greet with the cast. The show is appropriate for all ages.

### **Ticket Information**

Box Office 804-282-2620

[www.virginiarep.org](http://www.virginiarep.org)

**Full Price Tickets: \$5**

### **Cast**

Trey

**Cory Steiger**

Maddie

**Emma-Clare Pritch**

Mimi, the Camp Counselor

**Leanna Hicks**

Jasper; Professor Smarty Pants

**Benjamin Brackley**

Bucket Filling Fairy

**Jessica Luster**

### **About Virginia Repertory Theatre**

Virginia Repertory Theatre is the regional professional theatre in Richmond, Virginia. With a budget of \$5 million, four distinct venues, an educational touring arm, and an annual audience over 530,000, Virginia Rep is one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep stages four seasons annually: the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, Theatre Gym Season in partnership with Cadence Theatre Company, Virginia Rep's Children's Season at Willow Lawn, and the Hanover Tavern Season.

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