



News Release
Virginia Repertory Theatre

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Virginia Repertory Theatre's
Children's Theatre at Willow Lawn Presents
Tuck Everlasting: TYA Edition
Co-World Premiere with Nashville Children's Theatre

Book by Claudia Shear and Tim Federle
Music by Chris Miller
Lyrics by Nathan Tysen
Based on the Novel by Natalie Babbitt

Richmond, VA -- Virginia Repertory Theatre announces the company of the first production of the 2019/2020 Children's Season, ***Tuck Everlasting***, opening Friday, October 18, 2019, at the Children's Theatre at Willow Lawn. This TYA (Theatre for Young Audiences) Co-World Premiere, adapted from the 2016 Broadway Production, is a magical adventure for the whole family. Natalie Babbitt's effervescent children's novel leaps from page to stage in this vibrant new musical, onstage through December 1, 2019, at the Children's Theatre at Willow Lawn, 1601 Willow Lawn Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

Matt Polson will be joining the company in his Children's Theatre directorial debut. Previously, Polson has directed for Virginia Rep On Tour, as well as Virginia Opera's in-school touring. He was recently seen onstage in *Gloria* (co-produced with Cadence Theatre Company; Richmond Theatre Critics Circle Award nomination for Best Actor), *River Ditty* and Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. Choreographer **Mallory Keene** returns to the Children's Theatre after recently choreographing this summer's *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical*. Rounding out the direction team, **Jason Marks** will serve as Musical Director. Other Virginia Rep musical direction credits for Marks include last season's *Huck and Tom and the Mighty Mississippi* and *Mr. Popper's Penguins*.

Lucy Caudle will star as Winnie Foster. Caudle was last seen in *Atlantis* at Virginia Rep's November Theatre, and received an RTCC Award nomination for Most Promising Newcomer. In his Virginia Rep debut, DC-based actor **Taylor Witt** joins the company as Jesse Tuck.

The full company is listed below.

Direction & Design

Direction	Matt Polson
Music Direction	Jason Marks
Choreography	Mallory Keene
Scenic Design	Tennessee Dixon
Costume Design	Ruth Hedberg
Lighting Design	BJ Wilkinson
Sound Design	Derek Dumais
Stage Management	Justin Janke

Cast List

Winnie Foster	Lucy Caudle
Jesse Tuck	Taylor Witt
Mother	Lisa Kotula
Mae Tuck	Casey Daniel Payne
Agnus Tuck	Walter Riddle
Miles Tuck	Todd Patterson
Constable	Jon Cobb
Hugo	Harrison Gray
Swing	Sheridan Parkinson
Winnie u/s	Audrey Kate Taylor

Sensory Friendly Performances

Virginia Rep offers sensory friendly performances specifically for children with autism and other sensory or social disabilities. During these select performances, changes will be made in lighting, sound, seating arrangements, and length of performance to create a more welcoming environment for this audience. A Sensory Friendly performance will be offered at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 16. Please see the website for more details:

http://va-rep.org/sensory_friendly.html

Audio Described Performances

In collaboration with Virginia Voice, Virginia Rep is pleased to offer Audio Described performances, in which actions, expressions and gestures are described during gaps between dialogue throughout the performance for patrons with low vision or blindness. In addition to live audio description during performances, patrons are also invited to participate in a tactile tour

before the performance. An Audio Described performance will be offered at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 3. Please see the website for more details:

https://va-rep.org/access_for_the_blind.html

Community Tickets Grant

Virginia Rep is thrilled to offer a **free** Community Tickets Grant for nonprofit organizations. We encourage all organizations who have a demonstrated need for complimentary tickets to fill out a short application on our website: bit.ly/CommunityTix

Ticket Information

Box Office: 804-282-2620

www.virginiarep.org

Full Price Tickets: \$21

Discounted Group rates available.

Performance Schedule

Evening performances at 7:00 p.m. on select Fridays

Matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday

Matinee performances at 10:30 a.m. on select Saturdays

Press

Press Kits will be available at <http://va-rep.org/press.html>

Passcode accessible high-res photos will be available to the media on October 18.

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About Virginia Repertory Theatre

Virginia Repertory Theatre is a regional professional theatre in Richmond, Virginia. With an operating budget of \$5.6 million, four distinct venues, an educational touring arm, and an annual audience approximately 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.

Sponsors

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