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Theatre for Youth and Village Players Performing Arts Center Presents: *Shadow Theatre Thumbelina*

Oak Park, IL—Theater for Youth presents its final production of the season, 'Shadow Theater Thumbelina' in the Mainstage Theatre, Saturday, May 24 @ 11 AM.

'Shadow Theater Thumbelina' was created by **Artistic Director Michael-Colin Reed** for TFY's 2005/2006 season in celebration of Hans Christian Andersen's 200th birthday and tells the familiar tale of the tiny little girl who proves to everyone that when it comes to making your dreams come true, size does NOT matter!

Reed and company member **Zach Meyers** hand crafted each and every puppet used in the production and the soundtrack features 2 original songs written especially for the show by Reed and one of Chicago's favorite cabaret performers **John Jones**. The soundtrack also features the voice talents of **Lori Nicole Velazquez** as Thumbelina and Zach Meyers as Prince Phillip along with **Jeanne Scurek**, **Jamie Olah** and a very well known Oak Park resident, voice over artist **Bill Rohlfing**.

Since its creation, this TFY touring production has delighted thousands of students and teachers in the Chicago-land area but has never before been presented for the general public! Shadow puppetry has historical ties to several ancient civilizations but is a very rarely practiced art today. Shadow Theater Thumbelina was created to help keep this beautiful art form alive for generations to come. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy this delightful story told in the most unusual way!

'Shadow Theatre Thumbelina' will perform **Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 11 AM**. All tickets are **\$10**.

Presented in the Mainstage Theater of the newly renovated Village Players Performing Arts Center located at **1010 W. Madison St., Oak Park**. Plenty of parking is available on the street. The theater is handicap accessible; please call ahead to arrange for special seating. Tickets available at www.village-players.org or by calling **866-764-1010**.

Village Players Performing Arts Center offers an eclectic mix of entertainment that empowers and inspires while exploring the human condition.

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