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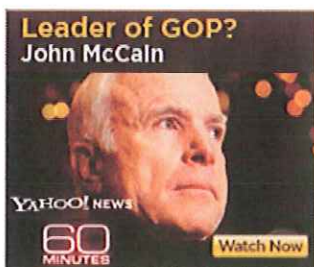


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Elephant Ensemble Theater Performs Thumbelina for Families at the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island

NEW YORK, March 12 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Elephant Ensemble Theater, a company that brings free performances to children in NYC hospitals, will continue their 2008 tour of Thumbelina: The Story of a Brave Little Girl. They are bringing the production to the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island on May 12th.

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The Ronald McDonald House of Long Island is a home away from home that provides comfort and shelter to families experiencing the pain of having a sick child in an area hospital. Their goal is to offer support, both physical and emotional to families in Long Island, the five boroughs, nationally and across the globe.

This is the first time Elephant Ensemble Theater will bring their production to Long Island, and the first time they will work with the Ronald McDonald House.

Elephant Ensemble Theaters current show is a Thumbelina for modern times -- a spunky little girl who, once lost, fights her way back home to safety. The production utilizes many classic children's theater techniques such as audience participation, best illustrated when Thumbelina drives off an on-coming storm by blowing the clouds away with the help of her audience.

Elephant Ensemble presents valuable role models for the children and leaves them with a heightened sense of morale. They have also performed at Mt. Sinai Kravis Childrens Hospital, the Childrens Hospital at Montefiore in the Bronx, and New York Presbyterian Childrens Hospital.

Written and Directed by Creative Director Liza Lentini, the cast of Thumbelina includes Mollie Lohinski (as Thumbelina), Christopher VanJura, Cheri Haller, and Elephants Managing Director Christine Seisler.

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