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National Theatre of the Deaf Returns for 5th TIP Summer at the Hygienic Art Park in New London

Monte Cristo Cottage, New London CT: The National Theatre of the Deaf is happy to announce its 5th Summer Season of TIP (Theatre Immersion Program) at **Hygienic Art Park** in New London, CT with seven performances of their newest Deaf family-oriented production ***It's in the Bag*** on August 14-21, 2016. These performances are funded in part by a grant from the Ensworth Charitable Foundation, the Frank Loomis Palmer Fund, Bank of America, N.A. Trustee, The City of New London Water Authority Community Fund and a generous contribution by Hygienic Art.

“We are thrilled to be returning as part of the New London Cultural Arts scene,” said Ms. Beekman, “This is our fifth collaborative partnership with Hygienic Art and to continue to receive funding from the community is a testament to the bond between NTD and The City of New London.”

It's in the Bag is an new theatrical piece composed of classical stories and original material developed by NTD Executive Director, **Betty Beekman** featuring the NTD acting company; **Beth Applebaum, Christina Cogswell** and **Roberta Forero** assisted by the 2016 Summer TIP company of 15 high school students selected from 10 states.

About: *It's in the Bag*

What's in the bag? Discover a mystery story, fables, tangram puzzles, improvisations, and much more! Starting with **Knowing the Ropes**, NTD challenges our actors to crate shapes, twists and turns with ropes to teach signs. Have fun with the National Theatre of the Deaf as we combine visually exciting American Sign Language with the Spoken Word to create a performance that will be seen, heard, and long-remembered!

Each performance of *It's in the Bag* is approximately 50-55 minutes in length and will be performed simultaneously in ASL and the spoken word.

Performance Schedule for *It's in the Bag* at Hygienic Art Park.

Sunday, August 14 – 1:30 pm
Tuesday, August 16 – 1:30 pm
Wednesday, August 17- 1:30 pm
Thursday, August 18 – 6:00 pm
Friday August 19 – 1:30 pm
Saturday August 20 – 1:30
Sunday, August 21 – 1:30 pm

The performances are free to the public. The Hygienic Art Park is located at 79 Bank Street in Downtown New London, Connecticut. (Parking is available on the street and the municipal lots behind the venue).

Hygienic Art is a non-profit arts organization dedicated to creating an enriching cultural experience in the city of New London Connecticut. Performances at the Hygienic Art Park will allow NTD to bring this worthwhile and entertaining program to the greatest number of children and family audiences. For more information regarding the gallery log on to www.hygienic.org

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For more information about NTD/LTD log on to www.ntd.org. To contact the NTD offices call 860-574-9063, VP (video phone) 860-607-1338 (Images available upon request.)

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