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National Theatre of the Deaf Receives Grant For Little Theatre of the Deaf Programming

New London, CT: The National Theatre of the Deaf (NTD) is pleased to announce that through a grant by the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund through Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, **The Little Theatre of the Deaf (LTD)**, NTD's children and family theatre wing, will continue to perform and tour for the 2015-2016 season. This season's LTD repertoire includes ***It's in the Bag*** and ***A Show of Hands***, along with two other NTD performances. These works will feature the LTD acting troupe: **Chrissy Cogswell, Olivia Howell, Beth Applebaum, and Roberto Forero.**

It's in the Bag!:

*What's in the bag? Featuring "The Paper Bag Princess" by Robert Munsch, discover a mystery story, fables, tangram puzzles, improvisations, and much more! Starting with **Using Your Noodle**, NTD improvises with simple pool noodles to show signs to learn and enjoy. Have fun with the National Theatre of the Deaf as they combine visually exciting American Sign Language with the Spoken Word to create a performance that will be seen, heard, and long-remembered.*

A Show of Hands:

*Watch The National Theatre of the Deaf explore American Sign Language from behind the curtain—literally! Concealed behind a slotted curtain, actors poke their hands out in **Hand Puppets** to create scenery, tell stories, make jokes, and teach American Sign Language. Following the introduction, enjoy poems, stories, fables, and improvisation that delights all ages!*

"The National Theatre of the Deaf would like to thank the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for its generous support," says NTD Executive Director, Betty Beekman. "We are truly grateful to the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund for continuing to support our Little Theatre of the Deaf programming. We are committed to theatrical excellence in all our programs, and we are so appreciative that this support allows us to carry out our mission of bringing entertainment, outreach, and social values to families and children, as well as provide employment for deaf artists."

Before the LTD performances, each school receives the "Learn and Study Together Guide". This guide contains background information and classroom exercises to be used before and after the performances, and enhances curriculum on a number of subjects.

For 48 years, The National Theatre of the Deaf's Little Theatre of the Deaf has enchanted audiences in all 50 states, and in numerous countries around the world. By intertwining American Sign Language and the Spoken Word, we create a visual and poetic language that enhances storytelling and touches hearts and minds of all ages. You'll see and hear every word!

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