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## **National Theatre of the Deaf Returns to Perform at the Hygienic Art Park This Summer**

**New London, CT:** The National Theatre of the Deaf (NTD) is pleased to announce the **Second Annual Summer at the Hygienic event August 18, 20, and 25.** Performance times will be at 10am and 1pm. Admission is free to the public.

The company's children and family theatre program, the Little Theatre of the Deaf, will give six family-oriented performances of ***See Our Signs!***, a production developed at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center this past May, made possible from a grant through the Frank Loomis Palmer Fund, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee. NTD returns this summer to the **Hygienic Art Park** in downtown New London, CT, having performed "Stories In My Pocket, Too" last year to great success and ceremony.

***See Our Signs!*** is an original theatrical piece created and developed by NTD Executive Director **Betty Beekman** and features the Little Theatre of the Deaf acting company: returning actresses **Chrissy Cogswell, Christina Stevens**, and introducing actor **Christopher Joseph**.

"We are thrilled to be able to continue our programming and to perform for the community in historical downtown New London," says Ms. Beekman. "Our ongoing collaboration with Hygienic Art promises to be an exciting yearly event, which we look forward to. We are grateful to our sponsors who enable us to provide this as a free event to the local community and tourists to our home state."

Each performance of ***See Our Signs!*** is approximately 50-55 minutes in length and will be performed simultaneously in American Sign Language and spoken English, NTD's signature style. In the program, the family audiences will be engaged in seeing and hearing stories and improvisation, matching morals, and guessing puzzles based on tangram shapes, all derived from original material, literature, and social awareness that will entertain, enlighten, and educate. Per NTD's core mission, audiences will open their eyes and ears to deaf culture through the arts. These performances are made possible through the City of New London Water Authority Community fund.

### **Performance Schedule for *See Our Signs!* at the Hygienic Art Park:**

Sunday, August 18: 10am & 1pm  
Tuesday, August 20: 10am & 1pm  
Sunday, August 25: 10am & 1pm

**These performances are free to public.** The Hygienic Art Park is located at 79 Bank Street, New London, CT.

Additional funding for NTD is provided by the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Connecticut Office of the Arts, State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, The Katherine Lindsay Howell Fund, The Frederick Loewe Foundation, The Frank Loomis Palmer Fund, Bank of America, N.A. Trustee, Strong-Cuevas Foundation, Ann M and Sultan Ahamed Foundation, City of New London Water Authority Community Fund, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

**Members of the press are welcome at any performance.** Please contact NTD Offices ahead of time to schedule interviews. For more information about NTD/LTD log on to [www.ntd.org](http://www.ntd.org)  
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**Hygienic Art** is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to creating an enriching cultural experience in the city of New London, CT. 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 about Hygienic Art, call 860-443-8001 or log on to [hygienic.org](http://hygienic.org).