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### **National Theatre of the Deaf to Tour Little Theatre of the Deaf through Target Grant**

**New London, CT:** The National Theatre of the Deaf (NTD) is pleased to announce that through a Target grant the **Little Theatre of the Deaf** will be providing three shows free of charge to select Connecticut schools.

The company's children and family theatre program, the Little Theatre of the Deaf, will give three family-oriented performances of ***The W-5: The Stories Behind Who, What, Where, When & Why***, a production developed through a residency at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center in Waterford, CT.

This original theatrical work was written and directed by NTD Executive Director Betty Beekman, and will feature the Little Theatre of the Deaf acting company: **Chrissy Cogswell, Christina Stevens and Christopher Joseph**.

***The W-5: The Stories Behind Who, What, Where, When & Why:***

*Come and join The W-5 to discover the stories behind Who, What, Where, When and Why. Take a trip with the "Where" story and "Who" knows "What" will happen! Have fun with the Little 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.*

Each performance of ***The W-5*** is approximately 50-55 minutes in length and will be performed simultaneously in American Sign Language and spoken word, NTD's signature style. In the program, the family audiences will be engaged in the theatre's most interactive performance yet, see and hear stories and join in on the improvisation. The piece is derived from original material, literature, and social awareness that will entertain, enlighten, and educate. Per NTD's core mission, audiences will increase their awareness of deaf culture through the arts. These performances are made possible through Target.

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**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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