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**Celebrate the season at Valley Youth Theatre's annual
holiday musical *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail***

Phoenix (October 20, 2003) – Valley Youth Theatre brings everyone's best pals – Pooh, Piglet, Christopher Robin, Tigger, and of course, Eeyore- live and on stage just in time for the holidays. *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail* opens on Friday, December 5th and runs through December 23rd.

Directed by VYT's Producing Artistic Director, Bobb Cooper, performances of *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail* are weekends from Friday, December 5th through Sunday, December 21st and Monday and Tuesday, December 22nd and 23rd at Valley Youth Theatre, 525 N. First Street in downtown Phoenix (southeast corner of First and Fillmore Streets). Performance times are: Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., Sundays at 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, December 22nd and 23rd at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per person, adults and children over three, and can be ordered through Valley Youth Theatre's box office at 602-253-8188, ext. 2. For more information about Valley Youth Theatre visit www.vyt.com.

This production is the classic tale of friendship, thoughtfulness and holiday spirit. It will charm children of all ages. Eeyore is gloomy even on Christmas Eve, since his "very handsome tail", normally attached with a pin, is missing. Pooh, Piglet and Rabbit organize the whole Hundred Acre Wood gang into a search, and even Tigger interrupts his "morning bounce" to help out. Will the friends find the tail in time for the Christmas Eve party? .Based on the beloved stories by A.A. Milne, with music and lyrics by James. W. Rodgers

Valley Youth Theatre is a non-profit organization that targets youths aged 7 – 19 for participation in and attendance at quality live theatre productions. Its positive impact on youth provides them with lifelong lessons through a wide range of performing arts opportunities. VYT is an award-winning theatre company voted "Rep's Best Place to Get Your Child Into Show Biz" in 2003, "Arizona Parenting's Favorite Children's Theater" in 2003 by both the readers and editors of the magazine and received 13 ariZoni Awards for theatrical excellence in the 2002-2003 season.

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