

valley youth theatre

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Celebrate the season with Valley Youth Theatre's
11th anniversary production of the holiday musical
A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail
December 1-23, 2006

(Phoenix) – Valley Youth Theatre's 11th anniversary production brings everyone's best pals – Pooh, Piglet, Christopher Robin, Tigger, and of course, Eeyore – together LIVE on stage just in time for the holidays, December 1-23, 2006.

This production is the classic tale of friendship, thoughtfulness, and holiday spirit. Eeyore is gloomy on Christmas Eve since his “very handsome tail” is missing. Pooh, Piglet, Rabbit and Tigger organize the whole Hundred Acre Wood gang into a search. 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, this production is sure to be a holiday hit with all ages.

Directed by VYT's artistic and education associate, Katie Rex, and based on Bobb Cooper's original award-winning direction, performance times are as follows: Fridays at 7:30pm (except December 22); Saturdays (December 2 & 9) at 11:00am and 1:30pm; Saturdays (December 16 & 23) at 11:00 a.m. 1:30 and 4:00 p.m. Sundays at 12:30pm and 3:00pm; December 22nd at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 per person, adults and children two and up, 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.

Valley Youth Theatre is a non-profit organization that targets young people age 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 most recently winning 312 ariZoni Awards for theatrical excellence in the 2005-2006 season.

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