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**Family Favorite *Madeline's Christmas*
Returns to Horizon Theatre
December 7-31, 2013**

ATLANTA – *Madeline's Christmas* returns to Horizon Theatre Company in Little Five Points this holiday season for the sixth year. A delightful treat for the whole family, Horizon in collaboration with The Atlanta Children's Theatre Company, reprises the delightful musical adaptation of Ludwig Bemelmans' classic book December 7-31, 2013.

Based on one of the most popular children's book characters of all time, the production features 24 local girls performing alongside professional actors in two irresistibly adorable casts. Madeline and her friends are sure to enchant audiences of all ages with their holiday adventure filled with laughter, magic, and newfound friends.

In the production's six-year history, over 120 local girls have realized their dream of performing with a professional theatre company as part of the *Madeline's Christmas* cast. This year's cast features girls, ages 8 to 12, from four metro Atlanta counties and 19 different schools.

Madeline's Christmas runs December 7-31, 2013. Performances are weekends at 1 PM and 3:30 PM with additional school day matinee and holiday week show times. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children. Tickets and information are available at horizontheatre.com or 404.584.7450.

STORY

Based on the book by Ludwig Bemelmans
Book and lyrics by Jennifer Kirkeby
Music by Shirley Mier

"In an old house in Paris that was covered with vines lived twelve little girls in two straight lines," begins the story of Madeline. This holiday season will be unlike any other for Madeline and her friends. While on their morning walk with Miss Clavel, the girls come down with the flu, and as they take to their bed, many wonder if they will be able to go home for Christmas. With the arrival of a mysterious stranger, Madeline and the other girls get a holiday adventure beyond their wildest dreams. A musical play adapted from Ludwig Bemelmans' delightful book. A holiday treat for the whole family!

PROFESSIONAL CAST

Miss Clavel	Abby Parker
Mrs. Murphy	Christy Clark
Harsha	Matthew Bass

ARE MADELINE AND HER FRIENDS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Atlanta, Fulton County

Ava Alexander, 5th grader at The Westminster Schools
Kaylee Bryant, 4th grader at Morningside Elementary
Anna Fedorova, 5th grader at Morningside Elementary
Arden Gipson, 4th grader at The Lovett School
Mary Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, 3rd grader at The Lovett School
Kaycee Lark, 3rd grader at Landmark Christian School
Sativa Patel, 5th grader at Atlanta International School
Anne Rogan, 7th grader at Inman Middle
Ana Singleton, 3rd grader at Centennial Elementary
Lauren Smith, 4th grader at Morningside Elementary
Annika Speakman, 3rd grader at Atlanta Neighborhood Charter
Maddie Thorpe, 6th grader at Inman Middle
Anne-Lise von Wismar, 4th grader at Morris Brandon Elementary

DeKalb County

Kendall Brutus, 5th grader at DeKalb School of the Arts
Carrie Crespino, 4th grader at 4/5 Academy at Fifth Avenue
Dahlia Davis, 4th grader at Sagamore Hills Elementary
Kate Fredrickson, 4th grader at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
Dana Higgins, 4th grader at Dunwoody Elementary
Moni Okuwobi, 4th grader at Cliff Valley School
Nseye Perry, 5th grader at DeKalb Preparatory Academy

Gwinnett County

Christa Beth Campbell, 5th grader at McKendree Elementary

Cobb County

Mikari Tarpley, 4th grader at International Academy of Smyrna
Mabel Tyler, 3rd grader at Bullard Elementary

Home School

Grace Deen, 5th grader, Home School

CREATIVE TEAM

Director	Spring Mason
Music Director	Keena Hunt
Choreographer	Courtney Foster-Donahue
Scenic Designers	Moriah and Isabel Curley-Clay
Lighting Designer	Mary Parker
Sound Designer	Thom Jenkins
Projections Designer	Mike Post
Stage Manager	Charlie Moore

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Performances of *Madeline's Christmas* run December 7-31, 2013.

Weekend Performances

Saturdays and Sundays at 1 PM & 3:30 PM

School Day Matinees

Tuesday, December 10 & Wednesday, December 11 at 10:30 AM

Weekday Performances

Monday, December 9 at 6:30 PM

Monday, December 16 at 6:30 PM

Thursday-Friday, December 19-20, 1 PM & 3:30 PM

Monday-Tuesday, December 23-24 at 1 PM & 3:30 PM

Thursday-Friday, December 26-27 at 1 PM & 3:30 PM

Monday-Tuesday, December 30-31 at 1 PM & 3:30 PM

TICKETING INFORMATION

General admission tickets for *Madeline's Christmas* are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children. Tickets may be ordered by phone at 404.584.7450 or online at horizontheatre.com. Ticket prices are subject to change. Eight percent sales tax will be added to all ticket orders. Internet convenience fee added to all online orders. No refunds, exchanges, or late seating.

MATINEE GROUP RATES

Group discounts are available for the matinee performances on Tuesday, December 10 and Wednesday, December 11 at 10:30 AM. School and daycare groups of 10 or more receive a discounted ticket price of \$10 per ticket plus 1 free chaperone ticket for every 10 tickets booked. Contact Group Sales at 404.523.1477 x111 for more information.

GIRL SCOUT TROOPS

Girl Scout troops receive a discounted ticket price of \$13 for adults and \$10 for children for troop outings, valid for weekday performances. Contact Group Sales at 404.523.1477 x111 for more information.

PRESS PHOTOS

Press photos are available for download at:

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ABOUT HORIZON THEATRE COMPANY

Horizon Theatre Company, 1083 Austin Avenue, connects people to each other, the community and the world through professional, contemporary theater. For more information about tickets, group sales, or to receive a season brochure, call 404.584.7450 or visit horizontheatre.com.

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ABOUT THE ATLANTA CHILDREN'S THEATRE COMPANY

The Atlanta Children's Theatre Company (ACT) is passionate about sharing the love of drama and professional theatre with Atlanta's children and families. ACT offers dramatic arts education experiences taught by theatre professionals in rich, child-honoring learning environments through Camp Stardust

summer camp, after-school, preschool, and workshop programs. In addition, ACT is actively working toward becoming a full producing company, providing family-friendly productions for and by children. For more information about ACT and Camp Stardust, visit atlantachildrenstheatre.com.