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**TWO RIVER THEATER CONTINUES ITS SEASON OF THEATER FOR YOUNG AUDIENCE PRODUCTIONS WITH THE WORLD PREMIERE OF *THE RAINBOW FISH*, BASED ON THE BOOK BY MARCUS PFISTER, PRODUCED BY MERMAID THEATRE OF NOVA SCOTIA**

**SPECIAL EVENTS AROUND THE PRODUCTION INCLUDE TWO RIVER'S POPULAR "ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY" PROGRAM, LAUNCHING ON NOVEMBER 18; A RELAXED PERFORMANCE ON DECEMBER 16; AND DÍA DE LA FAMILIA ON DECEMBER 17**

**Performances: Friday, December 15 - Monday, December 18, 2017**



**THE RAINBOW FISH**

RED BANK, NJ — Two River Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, continues its season of Theater for Young Audience productions with the world premiere of *The Rainbow Fish*, for audiences age 3 and up. Created by the Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia, *The Rainbow Fish* is based on the beloved illustrated book for children by Marcus Pfister. The lead sponsor is Monmouth University and the production sponsor is Rumson Country Day School.

With his silver scales and heart of gold, *The Rainbow Fish* will delight even the youngest children in this adaptation of the award-winning book about a beautiful fish who learns to share his most prized possession.

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia brings *The Rainbow Fish* to life with enchanting puppetry in this world-premiere production. A Q-and-A with the cast will follow every performance.

“The Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia is well-known throughout the world of Theater for Young Audiences for their brilliant storytelling and clever puppetry,” says Artistic Director John Dias. “Two River audiences absolutely loved their production of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Eric Carle Favorites* in 2014. We are honored that they chose to launch the world premiere of *The Rainbow Fish* in Red Bank this season.”

Tickets are \$25. Tickets are available from [tworivertheater.org](http://tworivertheater.org) or 732.345.1400 for the following performances:

Friday, December 15 at 10am and 12pm (student matinees, tickets are \$15)

Saturday, December 16 at 11am, 1:30pm and 4pm (relaxed performance)

Sunday, December 17 at 11am, 1:30pm and 4pm (Día de la Familia)

Monday, December 18 at 10am and 12pm (student matinees, tickets are \$15)

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**One Book, One Community:** This county-wide celebration of *The Rainbow Fish* includes partnerships with more than a dozen local libraries during the months of November and December. Free events include readings, arts and crafts, games and more. One Book, One Community’s official kick off will be at Two River on Saturday, November 18 from 11am-1pm. This free event will include a reading of *The Rainbow Fish*, followed by theater games, crafts, face painting, and snacks for the whole family. To access a complete schedule of library events, along with registration for Two River’s kick-off event, visit [tworivertheater.org](http://tworivertheater.org).

**Relaxed Performance, Saturday, December 16 at 4pm:** Two River is proud to offer relaxed performances that support young people on the autism spectrum and welcome them to the theater. Adjustments are made for relaxed performances, including keeping house lights on at low levels, and sound at comfortable levels, especially for startling or loud sounds. Patrons are free to talk, move around, or leave their seats during performances, and iPads and other electronic devices used for therapeutic purposes are allowed in the theater. Two River staff and volunteers with autism training provide assistance at all relaxed performances.

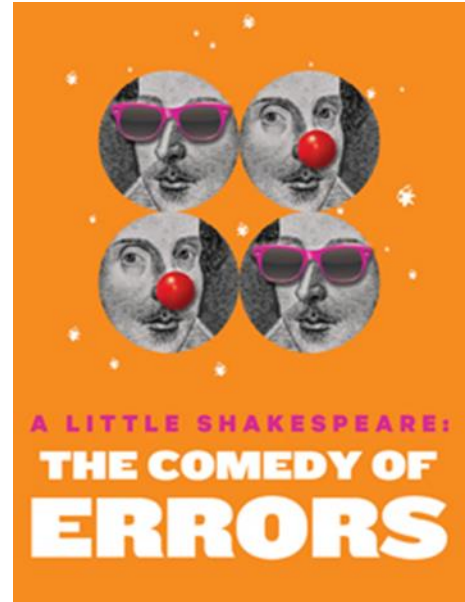
**Día de la Familia, Sunday, December 17 at 4pm:** Día de la Familia brings Spanish-speaking and bilingual children and their families to the theater—many of them for their first experience of seeing a play. This free performance also includes refreshments and theater games beginning at 3pm.

## Upcoming Theatre for Young Audiences Productions

**A LITTLE SHAKESPEARE: THE COMEDY OF ERRORS**  
**ADAPTED AND DIRECTED BY SARA HOLDREN**  
**RECHNITZ THEATER**  
**MARCH 6 – 11 / 2018**

Celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> season as one of Two River's most popular programs, *A Little Shakespeare* engages young artists and audiences with the work of the Bard. A 75-minute version of Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*—adapted, directed and designed by professional artists—will be performed by local high school students on the stage of the Rechnitz Theater. *A Little Shakespeare* is recommended for ages 9 and up. Tickets are on sale now: \$15 for children age 12 and under and \$20 for adults.

Lead Sponsors: Ocean First and Monmouth University



**THE YOUNG KING**  
**BASED ON THE SHORT STORY BY OSCAR WILDE**  
**ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY NICKI BLOOM**  
**PRODUCED BY SLINGSBY THEATRE, AUSTRALIA**  
**MARION HUBER THEATER APRIL 20-22 / 2018**

What kind of King would you be? A naïve boy raised by goatherds is discovered to be heir to the kingdom. Treasures and privileges are laid at his feet, but at what cost to others? The achingly beautiful and tender language of Oscar Wilde joins the intimate and magical world of Slingsby in this coming-of-age story. *The Young King* is recommended for audiences ages 8 and up. Tickets are on sale now: \$25.

Lead Sponsor: Monmouth University  
Production Sponsor: Rumson Country Day School

### Sponsorship

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