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TigerLion Arts presents
The Dragons Are Singing Tonight

~ the musical tale of a nasty dragon ~

at the Southern Theater January 26 – February 12, 2012

MINNEAPOLIS, November 2, 2011 -- Welcome to the Year of the Dragon! In collaboration with the **Minnesota Boychoir**, **Puppet Farm Arts**, and **Circus Juventas**, **TigerLion Arts** presents the world premiere of ***The Dragons Are Singing Tonight ~ the musical tale of a nasty dragon*** at the Southern Theater.

Premiering just after the Chinese New Year in January 2012, ***The Dragons Are Singing Tonight*** is a new musical based on the well-loved book of dragon poems by **United States Children's Poet Laureate Jack Prelutsky**. Composer **Laurie MacGregor** brings the poems to life in a score of sixteen songs, while **Markell Kiefer** (TigerLion Arts) directs actors **Isabella Dawis** (Star Tribune's "Outstanding Youth Performer" 2004, 2005), **Tyson Forbes** (TigerLion Arts), **Eric Sharp**, and **Elise Langer** in the story of an ordinary boy, a magical girl, and a nasty, nasty dragon. Thirty singing boys from the Minnesota Boychoir, two dazzling aerialists from Circus Juventas, 12 top-notch musicians, and countless puppets both giant and small create a wonderful

winged world of dragons. The musical tale inspires us with humor, beauty, and the simple message to *believe*.

Extending to the Community

The production will extend to the community with a *Dragons* Art and Music Residency Program aimed to benefit children through the shared experience of singing, storytelling, and creating art. To kick off the program, TigerLion Arts will host school field trips to see the Southern premiere. Following the production, more than a **thousand children at Richard R. Green Central Park School** in Minneapolis and **Northport Elementary** in Brooklyn Center will work with their teachers, *Dragons* musicians, and puppet artists from **In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre** and **Puppet Farm Arts** to learn the *Dragons* songs and create their own dragon characters and stories through mask and puppetry. TigerLion Arts will provide songbooks, art materials, copies of Prelutsky's book, and help teachers develop an integrated curriculum in an effort to reach every student.

Finally, the students will participate in two large community events in May 2012; the **Heart of the Beast May Day parade** in downtown Minneapolis, and a choral performance at Green Central Park, where hundreds of children from the two schools will come together to sing *The Dragons Are Singing Tonight*.

Public Performance Schedule

Preview: January 26, 2012

Continues: January 27–February 12

Thursdays & Fridays - 7pm

Saturdays - 1 & 5pm

Sundays - 1pm

Ticket Prices

VIP: \$30 Adults, \$25 Children/Seniors

Zone 1: \$27 Adults, \$22 Children/Seniors

Zone 2: \$25 Adults, \$20 Children/Seniors

Children (15 & under); Seniors (65 & over)

Preview performance January 26: all tickets \$15

Recommended for ages 4 & up

TigerLion Arts celebrates human wisdom and the spirit of nature through creative works that awaken, inform, and delight. For more information go to www.tigerlion.org

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