

Pacific Children's Theatre

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SAN DIEGO - **The Pacific Children's Theatre**, a new children's theatre company in San Diego, presents *The Phantom Tollbooth*, a production based on the classic children's book of the same name, by Norton Juster.

The story focuses on Milo, a young boy who never seems to know what to do with himself. When he is in school, he wants to be out; when he's out, he wants to be in. One day as he lay, quite bored, on the bed in his room, he discovers a new toy--a genuine turnpike tollbooth complete with map, coins for paying tolls, a rulebook and a red car. Milo uses the tollbooth to visit a different world in which two kingdoms are feuding. One kingdom insists letters and words are more important than numbers, the other insists numbers are most important. Milo's mission: to solve the feud before it's too late.

Pacific Children's Theatre is both new and unique in San Diego, only just celebrating its one-year anniversary. PCT is a children's theatre that aims to give *all* children the opportunity to perform in high-quality, professional productions. The company has also produced *The Wizard of Oz*, *Wind of a Thousand Tales* and an original musical (written and directed by the company's founder and director, Graham Russo and its music director, Korrie Paliotto), *The Last Days of the Wolf*.

The Phantom Tollbooth will be performed on Fridays 11/10 and 11/17 at 7pm; on Saturdays 11/11/ and 11/18 at 4pm; and Sundays 11/12 and 11/19 at 2pm
Ticket prices are: adults-\$10; children-\$7. There is special seating for young children up front. It is appropriate for pre-school -- 7th grade. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 619-920-2838, emailing pacificchildrenstheatre@yahoo.com or at the door 45 minutes before performances begin.

All performances take place in the theatre at the Mission Hills United Church of Christ (PCT and the church welcome people of all faiths) at 4070 Jackdaw Street, San Diego, 92103.

If you would like more information or can send a reviewer, please contact PCT's director Graham Russo at 619-920-2838 or email at pacificchildrenstheatre@yahoo.com. Please visit the theatre's website at www.pacificchildrenstheatre.org