

STARS COME OUT TO PLAY AFTER DARK AT THE GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE

*Geffen Alum /Friends Rosanna Arquette, Beth Behrs, Edi Gathegi,
Glenn Headly, French Stewart and Vanessa Stewart*
Join the Story Pirates for a Grown-Ups Only After Dark Performance

Monday, January 9, 2012 at 8 pm

LOS ANGELES, December 12, 2011 – The **Geffen Playhouse Story Pirates** are joining forces with some of Geffen's favorite funny folks for a special celebrity benefit performance of ***The Story Pirates: After Dark***, a sketch musical comedy based on stories written by elementary school kids. Former Geffen artists who will join the Pirates in story, song and the occasional dance include: **Edi Gathegi** (*X-Men: First Class*), **Glenn Headly** (*Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*), **French Stewart** (*Third Rock from the Sun*) and **Vanessa Stewart** (*Louis & Keely Live at the Sahara*). In addition, special friends of the Geffen including **Rosanna Arquette** (*Pulp Fiction*) and **Beth Behrs** (*Two Broke Girls*) will also be participating in the fun-filled evening. This special *Story Pirates: After Dark* will be performed in the **Gil Cates Theater** at the Geffen Playhouse on **Monday, January 9, at 8:00 p.m.** and will include a post-show wine and dessert reception. All proceeds benefit the Geffen Playhouse education and outreach programs.

While the Pirates might be better known for their weekly Flagship shows for kids, once a month they switch up their audience – but not their game. For *After Dark*, the Pirates take their signature story telling style to grown-up levels, recreating kids' stories that won't quite land you in the principal's office but are appropriate for a slightly older audience. Described as "Monty Python meets Schoolhouse Rock," *After Dark* has become a regular event in the Kinross Annex for Westwood LIVE.

The Geffen Playhouse began its Story Pirates partnership in 2009 as a way to expand the resources of the theater's current in-school initiatives. Story Pirates, originally founded in New York in 2003, works to engage students in under-resourced public schools by showing them that their ideas, their words and their stories are important. As such, the cornerstone of the company is the in-school Play/Write Program, a series of creative writing and drama workshops that lead to a musical sketch comedy show acted by professional actors and comedians and comprised entirely of stories written by kids. As a partner of the Geffen Playhouse, Story Pirates recently opened a West Coast branch and now visits over 20 Title I Los Angeles public schools each year in addition to performing for the general public as part of the Geffen Playhouse's Saturday Scene program. Tickets are available by contacting the Geffen Playhouse development department at 310-208-6500, ext.128.

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ABOUT THE GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE

The Geffen Playhouse has been a hub of the Los Angeles theater scene since opening its doors in 1995. Noted for its intimacy and celebrated for its world-renowned mix of classic and contemporary plays, provocative new works and second productions, the Geffen Playhouse continues to present a body of work that has garnered national recognition. Named in honor of entertainment mogul and philanthropist David Geffen, who made the initial donation to the theater, the company was founded by Gilbert Cates, and is currently helmed by Artistic Director Randall Arney, Managing Director Ken Novice and Chairman of the Board Frank Mancuso. Proudly associated with UCLA, the Geffen Playhouse welcomes an audience of more than 130,000 each year, and maintains an extensive education and outreach program, designed to engage young people and the community at large in the arts. For more information, please visit geffenplayhouse.com.

ABOUT THE GEFFEN'S EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Geffen Playhouse's education and outreach programs seek to make the cultural resources of the theater available to all of Los Angeles' diverse communities. The wide range of programs focuses on serving populations in need from ages 3 to 100 through programs such as Saturday Scene, School Tours, Student Matinees, Golden Ticket and the theater's award-winning CREATE program. For more information, please visit geffenplayhouse.com/education.

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