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A Fairytale Valentine's Day for the Whole Family at Emerald City Theatre's *Snow White as Performed by Professor TJ Barker's Troupe of Theatricals*

CHICAGO, January 16, 2012 – Emerald City will be hosting a **Happily Ever After Valentine's Weekend** at *Snow White* performances during the weekend of February 11-12, 2012. Families are invited to any of the three special shows at the Apollo Theater in Lincoln Park to **make a love-ly pre-show craft activity, enjoy a classic fairy tale love story, and kids leave with a special gift from Emerald City to create their own "happily ever after."** Additionally, Emerald City invites grown-ups to the show for free, with **a buy-one-get-one offer: one adult ticket free with purchase of a child ticket**, using the **discount code SNOW**. This Valentine's Day, Emerald City Theatre Company invites everyone in the family to join *Snow White* from "Once Upon a Time" to "Happily Ever After."

About *Snow White as Performed by TJ Barker's Troupe of Theatricals*

Emerald City Theatre revisits its original version of the classic fairy tale of *Snow White*. After a difficult and lengthy journey from far away lands, TJ Barker's Troupe of Theatricals have arrived in Chicago a little worse for the wear. But the show must go on! The Troupe tells the story as *Snow White* finds safety from her wicked Stepmother with the seven dwarfs and some magical talking animals. With her Stepmother scheming and a Prince searching, how long can she live quietly in the enchanted forest?

Snow White will explore the **Gateway Theme of Problem Solving**. The Gateway Theme is the main educational focus for each Emerald City Theatre show. Each production seeks to access a life skill that is relevant to early learners and their grownups. **A pre-show activity in the lobby and the unique Parent Guide** in every production's Playbill let families connect with the show and the Gateway Theme throughout their experience. *Snow White as Performed by Professor TJ Barker's Troupe of Theatricals* will explore how families can solve problems in unexpected and fun ways.

Snow White as Performed by Professor TJ Barker's Troupe of Theatricals
January 21 – May 20, 2012
Recommended for ages 3+

Written and Directed by Ernie Nolan

Invited Press Opening: Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 1pm
Tickets: Starting at \$13 for kids and \$16 for adults
Location: Apollo Theatre, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave.

Happily Ever After Valentine's Weekend Shows

Saturday	02/11/12	10:30AM
Saturday	02/11/12	1PM
Sunday	02/12/12	1PM

Ticket Promotion for shows 2/11-2/12: One free Adult ticket with purchase of Child ticket with code **SNOW**
Every attending child will receive a special Fairy Tale gift to continue writing happy endings at home.

Upcoming Emerald City Holiday Events

Saturday, March 17 at 10:30am--St. Patrick's Day at *Snow White*: See the Show in GREEN-D

Sunday, May 13 at 1:00pm--Mother's Day at *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*

About Emerald City Theatre

Named the 2009 and 2010 Nickelodeon Parents' Pick Award for Best Theater Group for Kids, Emerald City serves as a Child's Gateway to the Arts, inspiring early learners through play. Emerald City Theatre is one of Chicago's most attended non-profit theaters with an annual attendance of nearly 70,000 between its performance home at Apollo Theater and regional tours. Emerald City is proud to be the home of 28 world premiere productions. Emerald City employs nearly 100 of Chicago's top artistic and teaching talent to bring magical, interactive productions, and programs that entertain children and their grown-ups in all parts of Chicagoland. The company's year-round programming includes live productions at the Apollo Theater and other venues, theatre class offerings, summer theatre camps, an extensive touring program, and literacy initiatives.

Emerald City continues to expand its artistic and institutional boundaries under the guidance of Executive Director Karen Cardarelli, Producing Artistic Director Ernie Nolan, Managing Director Gillian Gorra, and a twenty-member Board of Directors. Emerald City is a non-profit company, supported by Beermann Swerdlove, Chicago Community Trust, City Arts, Deloitte, Illinois Arts Council, Katten, KPMG, BeechTree Partners, La Rabida Children's Hospital, The MacArthur Fund for the Arts and Culture, National Endowment for the Arts, Winston & Strawn, and the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

Emerald City's performance home is the Apollo Theater, located at 2540 N. Lincoln Ave in Lincoln Park. Subscriptions are on sale now for the 2011-2012 Season. Four Ticket Subscriptions begin at \$43 for children and \$55 for adults. Single tickets for 2011-2012 go on sale in July 2011; prices begin at \$16 for adults and \$13 for children. A limited number of \$10 tickets are available for each performance. Subscriptions can be purchased online at www.emeraldcitytheatre.com or by calling the Administrative Office at 773-529-2690. Single

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tickets can be purchased online or by calling the Apollo Theater Box Office at 773-935-6100.

The 2011-2012 Mainstage Season includes *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake*; *Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells*, *Batman Smells*; *Snow White*; and *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. Don't miss the opening of the Emerald City Playhouse, a performance space for the very young, with the world premier of *Goodnight Gorilla* in May 2012.

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