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Presents

# *Peter and the Wolf*

A World Premiere Halloween Haunt for Kids!

Written by Timothy Groff  
Directed by Joseph Leo Bwarie

**OPENS Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 @ 1pm**

This fall, the Falcon presents a World Premiere *spooky* spin on the classic tale of *Peter and the Wolf*. While Peter is in Russia visiting his cousins, Nina, Svetlana and Boris, he stumbles upon a *treasure map* hidden in Grandfather's library. But when the four cousins start their search, they find they are *not* alone. Is it Boris up to his old tricks? Is it their wild imagination? Or could it be the Wolf? With excitement around every turn, *Peter and the Wolf* is one *howling* good time for the whole family!

The full cast includes (in alphabetical order) **Gail Bianchi** (*Peter Pan* with Cathy Rigby), **Voki Kalfayan** (Cirque du Soleil's *Quidam*), **Anthony Mannix** (Noho Arts Center's *Pirates of Penzance*), and **Jennifer Seifert** (The Troubadour Theater Company's *Much ADOOBIE Brothers About Nothing*).

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**Joseph Leo Bwarie (Director)** returns to the Falcon after recently closing his latest musical collaboration with Lori Marshall and Rachael Lawrence, *The Empress and Her New Clothes*. In the last four years, Joe has taken audiences to a magical, tropical island in the original musical *Thumbelina*, a western township in *The Root Beer Bandits: A Rootin' Tootin' Wild West Musicale*, an enchanted fairytale forest in *Rapunzel*, and back in time to the 1970s in the retro-retelling of Cinderella in *Cindy And The Disco Ball*. Other favorite Falcon children's shows he has written and/or directed include the "little" big-top extravaganza *Funky Punks: Bright Ideas*, the storybook comedy *3 Little Pigs*, and the spooky, kooky *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. On stage, Joe recently performed in *Happy Days the Musical* as 'Chachi Arcola' and as 'Giorgino' in *Empress*. As a member of The Troubadour Theater Company, he can currently be seen as 'Claudio' in *Much ADOOBIE Brothers About Nothing*.

**Timothy Groff (Playwright)** *Peter and the Wolf* is Tim's first script for the Falcon. He has written plays for The Troubadour Theater Company in the past, and this is the fourth original stage play that he has had produced and performed.

**Gail Bianchi\* (Svetlana)** is happy to be back at the Falcon Theatre! Her previous appearances at the Falcon include 'Lucy' in *Snoopy!!! The Musical*, 'Joanie' in the *Happy Days* workshops, and in The Troubadour Theater Company's *Santa Claus is Comin' to Motown*. Gail recently returned from McCoy Rigby's national tour of *Peter Pan*, during which she had the honor of understudying Ms. Cathy Rigby for the title role. Other CA theater credits: 'Babette' in *Beauty and the Beast* with The California Theater and 'Anybodys' in *West Side Story* at Sacramento Music Circus. Television credits include *Cold Case* and *Lived to Tell*.

**Voki Kalfayan\* (Boris)** is a graduate of Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Clowning College and has performed internationally with Cirque du Soleil (*Quidam*). From the big top to the big screen, Voki has appeared in USA's *Monk* with Emmy Award-winner Tony Shalhoub and in the psychological thriller *Life Sentence*.

**Anthony Mannix\* (Peter)** is from Rochester, NY, and is a graduate of Wagner College in NYC. He just finished a successful run of the hit show, *Internet Dating: The Musical* at Art/Works Theatre. Other Los Angeles credits include *Rapunzel* at the Falcon Theatre and *Jesus' Kid Brother* at Hudson Mainstage. He can currently be seen in the Noho Arts Center's production of *Pirates of Penzance*. Anthony is also an avid ice hockey player.

**Jennifer Seifert\* (Nina/Flight Attendant)** A member of The Troubadour Theater Company, Jennifer most recently portrayed 'Beatrice' in *Much ADOOBIE Brothers About Nothing*. Falcon audiences may remember her as 'Violet' in *It's a Stevie Wonderful Life*, 'Adriana' in *Comedy of Aerosmith* and a Funky Punk in *Bright Ideas*. Other credits include 'Penelope' in *The Odyssey* at the Geffen Playhouse, 'Maggie' in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* at A Noise Within, *Huff* opposite Anjelica Huston, and *In America* opposite Samantha Morton. Jennifer also works as a theatre arts instructor for PS Arts.

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| <b>WHEN:</b> | OPENS        | <b>Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at 1pm</b> |
|              | RUNS THRU    | <b>Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 1pm</b>    |
|              | PERFORMANCES | <b>Saturdays at 1pm &amp; 3pm, Sundays at 1pm</b>       |
|              | PRICES       | <b>KIDS \$10, Adults (ages 13+) \$12</b>                |

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THE FALCON THEATRE is located at 4252 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, in Burbank.

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