

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF PRESS RELEASE

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TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF'S PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM PRESENTS **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** **DECEMBER 10-11**

Austin, Texas – December 10, 2015 – Tonight at the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD), the TSD Performing Arts Program presents, James and the Giant Peach - on stage at 7:00 pm, in the school's auditorium at 1102 South Congress Avenue - and two shows tomorrow, Friday, December 11 at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm.

TSD's annual middle school theatre production tells the story of James, a young boy, who along with an unusual group of friends, encounter a bizarre world on a wild and weird adventure, where they find with a little magic, anything can – and does – happen.

Told in the students' native language - American Sign Language (ASL) - TSD's version adds a whole other component of beauty to the story; something the cast and crew are anxious for the audience to enjoy.

TSD sixth grader, Joel Pennington - who stars as James - speaks of the anticipation and hard work of his cast and crewmates in bringing this tale to the audience tonight.

"We have learned so much together, Pennington says, and we are excited to share this with the community."

Returning for his second year on stage in TSD's Performing Art Program, 8th grader, Joel Cherichello, likens the production to a school sporting event.

Cherichello says, "This may not be a sport, with a ball, but this is our biggest game of the season."

WHAT: James and the Giant Peach
Texas School for the Deaf's Student Performing Arts Program second middle school production.

WHEN: Two performances; voice interpreted
Thursday, December 10th, 7:00pm
Friday, December 11th, 10:30am

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WHERE: R.L. Davis Auditorium
Texas School for the Deaf
1102 South Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78704

MORE: Tickets at the door:
Adults \$7
Students/Sr. Citizens \$5
Children 5 & under FREE

Please visit: www.tsd.state.tx.us/performingarts for more information.

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ABOUT THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (TSD)

The Texas School for the Deaf is the oldest continuously operating public school in Texas. Educating deaf and hard of hearing students of Texas since 1856, the campus also provides outreach and educational resources for students, their families and professionals in the field throughout the state of Texas. With educational excellence and a strong belief in a culture and community at TSD, students form a unique identity based on their individual strengths and talents. TSD is an environment where students learn, grow, and belong. For more information about the Texas School for the Deaf, visit <http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>.

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