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Manhattan Children's Theatre presents

"The Elves & The Shoemaker"

November 15-January 4

Manhattan Children's Theatre is pleased to announce its holiday production, **"The Elves & The Shoemaker,"** a Brother's Grimm tale, adapted by Kristin Walter. MCT's Artistic Director, Bruce Merrill directs, with Set Design and Art Direction by Christie Phillips and Lighting Design by Brian Byrne. Performances run November 15th through January 4th on Saturdays and Sundays at 12:00 & 2:00pm. Manhattan Children's Theatre is located at 380 Broadway (4th Floor) two blocks south of Canal Street in Tribeca. For reservations and information call (212) 352-3101 or visit www.theatermania.com

SHOES, SHOES SHOES...IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SHOES! (Especially here in New York City!) Unfortunately, Eric, the lone shoemaker of Grimmsville, makes shoes that are miserably uncomfortable and impossible to walk in...leaving a lot of barefoot villagers and Eric without a means to provide for his family. While his wife tries to be supportive, his daughter Shannon, just can't take it anymore! Sitting alone in the woods pondering her family's fate, Shannon is confronted by a stranger who offers her the deal of a lifetime...in exchange for her pair of torturous shoes, she is given a magical medallion that holds **"the charm of the elves."** Wanting to help her family, Shannon tries the chant. Her words beckon a pair of elves that show up night after night at the shoemaker's home creating the most fabulous shoes EVER! With his shoes now wanted throughout the land, Eric and his family have more gold than they can count. But, they quickly begin to realize that all the money in the world doesn't necessarily buy happiness. **MCT's production of this favorite Brother's Grimm tale is a fast paced, slapstick comedy that is perfect for children and families of all ages.**

Featured in the cast are **Joseph Smith (Eric), Nicole Cicchella (Shannon), Mary Theresa Archbold (Fiona), Logan Tracey (Zuzu), and Don C. Makowski (Herbie)**

Touted as a company that "can deliver a story at a child's level without compromising adult theatrical values," **Manhattan Children's Theatre** is continuing its mission of providing affordable, high quality theatrical experiences to children and families within the community. **"Elves & The Shoemaker"** is the second production of MCT's 2003-2004 season, which will also include, **"Rumplestiltskin,"** and **"Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse."**

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Tickets: \$10 (Children 2-16)
\$15 (Adults)

Reservations: (212) 352-3101 or www.theatermania.com

This production is suitable for all ages!

For more information about Manhattan Children's Theatre call (212) 226-4085 or visit www.mctny.org

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