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**Lifeline Theatre KidSeries Presents *Lions in Illyria*,
World Premiere Based on William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* Opens January 11
Plus *Stories Come Alive! Hour* Workshops Every Saturday and Sunday During the Run**

CHICAGO – Lifeline Theatre's KidSeries presents *Lions in Illyria*, a world premiere based on William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, written by Lifeline Theatre ensemble member **Robert Kauzlaric** and directed by Lifeline Theatre ensemble member **Amanda Delheimer Dimond**. Separated from her brother by a storm at sea, the young lioness Violet must brave an unknown country all alone. Disguised as a boy, she joins with a preposterous peacock on a quest to claim the attentions of the most graceful gazelle in town. But soon Violet is torn between multiple masters and her adventure takes a turn for the absurd when she becomes entangled in the clownish antics of a wacky warhog and his featherbrained dodo sidekick. Travel to the weird and wonderful land of Illyria in a magical comedy loaded with music, monkeys, and mayhem. This production is recommended for children ages five and up (children under two not permitted), and runs one hour with no intermission.

Lions In Illyria runs Saturday, Jan. 10–Sunday, Feb. 15 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. **Press opening is Sunday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m.** Regular performance times are Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Previews are Saturday, Jan.10 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 11 at 11 a.m.) Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Lifeline Theatre Box Office, 773.761.4477, or by visiting www.lifelinetheatre.com.

PLUS: Join Lifeline Theatre every Saturday and Sunday at 12 p.m. during the run of *Lions in Illyria* (following the 11 a.m. show, or before the 1 p.m. show) for our **Stories Come Alive! Hour**. Children will enjoy an interactive storytelling session and on-your-feet theatre games. The cost is only \$5 per child. Reservations are recommended, though not required. Contact Lifeline Theatre at 773-761-4477 for more information.

The complete cast and production team for *Lions in Illyria* includes:

CAST: Guest artists **Bryan Bosque** (Sebastian, Andrew), **Mykele Callicutt** (Orsino, Toby), **Brandi Lee** (Violet, Maria), and **Kate McDermott** (Olivia, Antonia). With understudies **Ryan Czerwonko**, **Jaci Entwisle**, **Ryan Stajmiger**, and **Alison Sweat**.

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CREW: Lifeline Theatre ensemble members **Robert Kauzlaric** (Adaptor) and **Amanda Delheimer Dimond** (Director); with guest artists **Benjamin W. Dawson** (Production Manager), **Mikhail Fiksel** (Original Music & Sound Designer), **Izumi Inaba** (Costume Designer), **Jordan Kardasz** (Lighting Designer), **John Kelly** (Master Electrician), **Liz Rice** (Assistant Director), **Clare Roche** (Stage Manager), and **Joe Schermoly** (Scenic & Properties Designer, Technical Director).

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Lifeline Theatre also offers “Name Your Price” tickets a half-hour before the show (subject to availability), group rates and other discounts available upon request. A party room is available for full-service birthday and special event parties. Free parking is available at the designated lot west of the theatre (NE corner of Morse and Ravenswood) with free shuttle service before and after the show. Street parking is also available and Lifeline Theatre is handicapped and CTA accessible (Red Line Morse stop/busses).

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Now in its 32nd season, Lifeline Theatre is driven by a passion for story. Our ensemble process supports writers in the development of literary adaptations and new work, and our theatrical and educational programs foster a lifelong engagement with literature and the arts. A cultural anchor of Rogers Park, we are committed to deepening our connection to an ever-growing family of artists and audiences, both near and far. Lifeline Theatre – Big Stories, Up Close.

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