

“RIKKI-TIKKI-TAVI AND OTHER ‘JUST SO’ STORIES” Fact Sheet

- WHAT:** Lifeline Theatre KidSeries presents **RIKKI-TIKKI-TAVI AND OTHER ‘JUST SO’ STORIES**, adapted by Lifeline ensemble members **Meryl Friedman** and **Christina Calvit**, directed by **Paul S. Holmquist**. **RIKKI-TIKKI-TAVI AND OTHER ‘JUST SO’ STORIES** is a fanciful and fantastic recreation of stories selected from Rudyard Kipling’s *“The Jungle Book”* and *“Just So Stories.”* This adaptation features everyone’s favorite cobra-fighting mongoose, Rikki-Tikki-Tavi; along with *“How the Elephant got its Trunk”* and *“How the Camel got its Hump.”* The stories are told with intricate animal masks, exotic Indian locales, and Lifeline’s signature audience-interactive excitement. The show runs 45 minutes with no intermission, and is recommended for ages five and up. KidSeries is in its 19th anniversary season.
- WHERE:** Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. Chicago, IL 60626
Parking available (street & lot – see below); CTA accessible (Red Line Morse stop and busses)
Free lot parking until midnight three blocks north of the theatre in the Trilogy lot (Estes & Glenwood)
- WHEN:** Press Opening Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 1 PM
Runs Saturdays at 11 AM & 1 PM, and Sundays at 1 PM from 1/14/06 through 3/26/06
- TICKETS:** 773.761.4477
\$9 (in advance); pay-what-you-can at the door (half-hour before the show - *subject to availability*)
Group rates and other discounts also available on request
Party room also available for full-service birthday and special event parties
- STAFF:** **Rudyard Kipling** (Author), Lifeline ensemble members **Meryl Friedman** and **Christina Calvit** (Adaptors) and **Alan Donahue** (Scenic Design). Other staff includes **Paul S. Holmquist** (Director), **John Sanchez** (Lighting Design), **Kimberly Morris** (Costume Design) and **Jennie Cleghorn** (Stage Manager).
- CAST:** **Jill Hames** (Nagaina the cobra, Kolokolo Bird, others), **Tom Jansson** (Crocodile, Djinn, others), **Leah Morrow** (Elephant Child, Camel, others) and **Jon Stutzman** (Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, Aunt Hippo, others).
- NEXT:** Lifeline will conclude its 23rd anniversary season with *BRAVE POTATOES* by Toby Speed, running 4/8-6/4/06, adapted by Lifeline ensemble member James E. Grote, with music and lyrics by George Howe, and directed by Lifeline ensemble member Shole Milos.
- INFO:** General theatre info - 773.761.4477, www.lifelinetheatre.com
Theatre marketing info - Frances Limoncelli, 773.761.1772, frances@lifelinetheatre.com
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- MISSION:** Now in its 23rd season, Lifeline Theatre and its artistic ensemble of writers, directors, designers and performers collaboratively develop literary adaptations and original theater. Lifeline’s innovative artistic and education programs for adults, children and families bring engaging and reflective stories to life.
- MEDIA:** Tree Falls Productions, 773.856.6767, kmckie@msn.com
Media passes, photographs, interviews and additional materials available.

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