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WHEN TRASH TURNS TO TREASURE

Life-sized puppets made from found objects and recycled material emerge from piles of garbage in Milwaukee Public Theatre's (MPT) spring production, ***One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure***. The original play about consumer and personal values, recycling, and preserving a healthy environment also features commissioned live music and lively dance. The show will be performed at Lincoln Center of the Arts on May 6th and 7th.

Being reminded yet again by his mother to take out the trash, young Abraham finds that his bag of garbage has a life of its own. He is chased to a dump where the garbage and junk hatches more creatures that teach him valuable lessons about recycling. Learning through rhythm, song, and movement his world begins to change. He discovers treasure among the thrown-away objects and in the part he can play in building a better tomorrow.

Playwright/Director Azeeza Islam, MPT's Associate Artistic Director, has assembled an exciting artistic team, including Music Director Ernie Brusubardis, Set Designer Ron Fry, Actor Larry Reed, Singer/Actress Sheri Williams-Pannell, and a multi-cultural ensemble of talented youth performers. In Recycled Art Workshops, students from Lincoln Avenue, Pierce, Fratney and Auer Avenue elementary schools and Lincoln Center of the Arts are creating trash heaps for the stage from cast-away materials.

- Daytime shows for schools and other groups are at 10:00 am and 12:30 pm on Thursday, May 6 and Friday, May 7. Group tickets start at \$4.
- A public show is scheduled for May 7th at 7:00 pm. Tickets prices are family-friendly at \$5 for children, seniors and people with disabilities and \$10 for adults. Groups of 10 or more receive a 20% discount.
- Environmental groups are invited to display literature and talk about their activities with audiences at the matinees as well as the Friday, May 7 public show. Those interested in supporting this project should contact MPT Director Barbara Leigh at 414-347-1685 or barbara@milwaukeepublictheatre.org.
- All performances take place at Lincoln Center of the Arts, 820 E. Knapp Street, Milwaukee. The play runs about 60 minutes. There is ample free parking in a well-lit lot. To order tickets, contact MPT at 414-347-1685 or angela@milwaukeepublictheatre.org.

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