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MAKING SOME NOISE ABOUT RECYCLING

Surprising rhythms and music made with found and recycled objects are featured in Milwaukee Public Theatre's (MPT) spring production, ***One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure***. The original play about values, recycling, and preserving a healthy environment also includes a giant recycled art puppet, and live music and dance. It will be performed at Lincoln Center of the Arts on May 6 and 7.

The noise starts when a youngster reluctantly takes out the trash. It comes to life with complex beats slapped, clapped and drummed out on recycled objects. Original music on more traditional instruments will be performed as well in the show at Lincoln Center of the Arts on May 6 and 7.

"The musical inspiration for ***One Man's Trash*** began with selecting styles to tell the story, like ballads, blues, jazz and rap," said Playwright/Director Azeeza Islam, MPT's Associate Artistic Director. "I worked with Ernie Brusubardis to set the music and then developed the lyrics."

Music Director Ernie Brusubardis leads the professional ensemble of Larry Reed and Sheri Williams Pannell on vocals, Duane Stuermer, bass, Marcus Gibbons, drums and Olusegun Sijuwade, sax and flute. The cast also includes youth and student performers.

Some of the props have been created in Recycled Art Workshops by students from Lincoln Avenue, Pierce, and Fratney elementary schools and Lincoln Center of the Arts, led by Set and Puppet Designer Ron Scot Fry. Recycled Fashion Designer Angela Smith also worked with students at Lincoln Avenue School as part of the project.

All performances take place at Lincoln Center of the Arts, 820 E. Knapp Street, Milwaukee. Tickets for daytime shows for schools and other groups on May 6 and May 7 are still available. 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. Group discounts are still available. Contact MPT at 414-347-1685 or angela@milwaukeepublictheatre.org.

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