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CAPA'S EDUCATIONAL SERIES KICKS OFF WITH ARTSPOWER'S *LAURA INGALLS WILDER*

ArtsPower National Touring Theatre's beloved *Laura Ingalls Wilder* chronicles the exciting adventures of the Ingalls family as they travel across the prairie in search of a little house to call home. Based on Wilder's own childhood experiences, which she began recording in her 60s, this original musical delights young audiences with the adventures of the spirited girl and her pioneer family.

CAPA presents ArtsPower's *Laura Ingalls Wilder* at 10am and 1pm on Monday, October 24, at the Southern Theatre (21 E. Main St.). Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by contacting Heather Kalman at 614.719.6764 or hkalman@capa.com. Recommended for grades 2-6, this performance has a running time of 55 minutes. This presentation is made possible through the generous support of Honda of America Manufacturing.

Laura Ingalls Wilder follows the tomboyish Laura, her older sister Mary, and their parents as they travel across the unsettled frontier of the late-1800s American Midwest. Many challenges threaten the Ingalls family, including Indian attacks, disease, and crop failure. Powered by their devotion to each other and an unwavering spirit, they are able to overcome their circumstances.

The show features a lush musical score with five original songs, among them "Move On," which captures the restlessness and excitement of loading up the covered wagon to find a new home, and "Fishin'," a duet in which Laura and Pa laugh and share tall tales at their favorite fishing hole.

Written and directed by ArtsPower Artistic Director Greg Gunning with music by Richard DeRosa, *Laura Ingalls Wilder* has been a hit with audiences since its premiere in 1995.

Mark and Gary Blackman founded ArtsPower in 1985, and it has since grown into one of America's largest and most active producers of professional theatre for young and family audiences. Its 26 professional touring productions have been seen by nine million people in 46

states in some of the nation's top regional theatres, universities, and cultural centers, including The Kennedy Center and Lincoln Center.

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CALENDAR LISTING

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Monday, October 24, 10am & 1pm

Southern Theatre (21 E. Main St.)

This uplifting story of one of America's most beloved authors comes to life as Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family travel across the country in search of a place they can call home. Facing obstacles such as scarlet fever and eviction from their land, their pioneering spirit and family bonds are tested but never broken. This ArtsPower National Touring Theatre musical is recommended for grades 2-6 and has a running time of 55 minutes. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by contacting Heather Kalman at 614.719.6764 or hkalman@capa.com.

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Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent, historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex, Lincoln Theatre, and Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), CAPA is a not-for-profit, award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment in operation for more than 40 years. For more information, visit www.capa.com.

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