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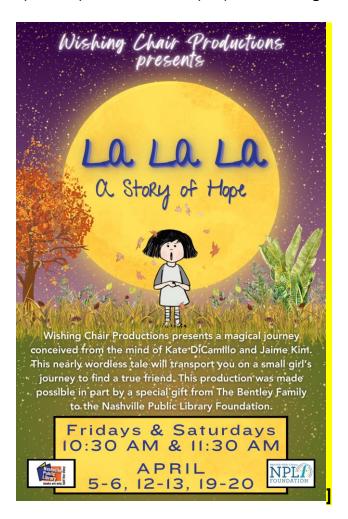
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NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PUBLICLY DEBUTS NEW PUPPET SHOW, "LA LA LA, A STORY OF HOPE," ON APRIL 5

Runs every Friday and Saturday April 5 through April 20.



NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashville Public Library's lauded resident puppet troupe — <u>Wishing</u> Chair Productions — is publicly debuting "La La La, A Story of Hope" on Friday, April 5.

The new production tells the story of a little girl searching for a friend by singing, "La la la," in the hope that someone will sing back to her. The show is unique among Wishing Chair's repertoire in that there is no spoken dialogue. Only the main puppet character's singing — and original music created in collaboration with Sophia Winters of Lipscomb University — is featured.

"La La La" is based on the <u>book of the same name</u> written by celebrated children's author Kate DiCamillo and illustrated by Jaime Kim. DiCamillo was chosen as NPL's Literary Award recipient in 2023.

"It's always a joyous occasion when we get to experience a new Wishing Chair show at NPL, and this one we're especially excited for," NPL Interim Director Terri Luke said. "The melding of Kate DiCamillo's beautiful story with our puppet troupe's boundless creativity is the perfect union. We can't wait to share 'La La La' with Nashville."

"La La La" runs every Friday and Saturday from April 5 through April 20, at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Performances take place in the Children's Theater, located in the <u>Main Library at 615 Church St.</u> The show runs approximately 30 minutes, and is suitable for all ages.

A special edition "La La La" library card is also available. New and existing cardholders can get the card free of charge at the Main Library's Children's Desk, located next to the Children's Theater.

"La La La" is the first new show by Wishing Chair Productions since the 2019 premier of "Lorraine," which was made in collaboration with Ketch Secor of Old Crow Medicine Show fame, and based on his book of the same name.

This production was made possible in part by a special gift from the Bentley Family to the Nashville Public Library Foundation.

About Nashville Public Library

With more than two million books, movies and music items to choose from — plus great programming and resources to improve early and adult literacy, STEAM, ESL, and other key skills — NPL is Nashville's gateway to some of the best resources our city has to offer. Every year, across our 21-location system, thousands of visitors discover how our library lives up to our philosophy: at NPL, books are only half the story.

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