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THEATRE EVENT - NEW LEAF THEATRE

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NEW LEAF THEATRE PRESENTS

GIRL IN THE GOLDFISH BOWL

A CHICAGO PREMIERE

The show

New Leaf Theater presents the Midwest premiere of *Girl in the Goldfish Bowl*, a play by Canadian playwright Morris Panych and winner of the 2003 Dora Mavor Moore Award for Outstanding New Play.

Meet Iris, an unnervingly astute, disturbingly mature 10-year-old who thinks nothing ever happens in her country, her city, her house – nothing, that is, until her beloved goldfish dies, marking the beginning of the Cuban missile crisis and the collapse of her family. Add the appearance of a mysterious stranger and you've got a quick-paced, heartbreaking dramatic comedy that builds with thoughtfulness, wit and despairing charm – and with that touch of the surreal that comes only with family.

Directed by Gregory Peters of *The Plagiarists*, *Girl in the Goldfish Bowl* ends New Leaf's 2007-2008 season, dedicated to exploring, through the vivid and sometimes unreliable perspective of memory, how family shapes the lives of individuals. *Girl in the Goldfish Bowl* looks particularly at the disintegration of family and the uncontrollable, often devastating, changes of growing up in a family that's hanging on by a tattered thread.

The when and the where

Girl in the Goldfish Bowl opens Wednesday, March 5th at 8:00 p.m. and runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. through April 5th. There are two added matinees at 3:00 p.m. on March 29th and April 5th. All performances are held at the Lincoln Park Cultural Center, 2045 N. Lincoln Park West in Chicago.

Tickets are \$15, \$12 sr/student, and \$10 industry with headshot and resume. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at 773-516-3546, or through our website at <http://newleaftheatre.org>. We recommend credit card purchases be made online.

The company

New Leaf is a not-for-profit theatre company in its 7th season. Two of New Leaf's 2007 shows have just received critical accolades: TimeOut Chicago named *The Dining Room* a 2007 Ten Most Wanted and The Chicago Tribune named last season's *The Permanent Way* a Best of '07: Top Ten Reasons to Take a Chance on the Fringe. Recent shows include *The Dining Room*, Jeff Recommended and a TimeOut "Don't Miss" for four weeks running; David Hare's *The Permanent Way*, Highly Recommended by the Chicago Reader, deemed a "Must See" by TimeOut Chicago, and Jeff Citation-nominated for Best Ensemble; *As It Is In Heaven*, "Highly Recommended" by the Chicago Reader and also nominated for Best Ensemble by the Jeff Citation Committee; the Jeff-Recommended *Brilliant Traces*; and the Sun-Times-Recommended *Accelerando*.

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