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The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center Presents
The Magic of Local Favorite Thaddeus in
“THE WORLD OF WONDER”

A strong role model, Thaddeus’ show reinforces a child’s sense of wonder, and challenges them to imaginatively acquire new skills

January 10, 2011, Dix Hills, New York -- The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center will present a delightful children’s program Sunday, Jan.30 at 2 p.m., when one of our favorite local actor/magicians Thaddeus performs “The World of Wonder.” Tickets for this performance are just \$12 for adults and \$5 for children.

Thaddeus loves to tell people that he doesn’t do magic, but merely helps them “to see” magic. His unique theatrical performance is created and executed as a family project by an actor who is no stranger to Dix Hills Center productions, as well as a past president of the Suffolk County Chapter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

A true believer in the value of personal skills, Thaddeus is also a highly decorated Nassau County Police Officer, medic and helicopter pilot. He

designed “The World of Wonder,” like his other original shows before it, to reward children for using their imaginations by creating wonderful illusions.

“My life is all about helping people in a very positive way,” said Thaddeus Plezia, who has been a magician for 25 years. “I teach children to dream and to make the impossible a reality in their lives, and I help other people out in a more serious way on what is usually the worst day of their lives.”

“Whether saving lives or just enriching them, Thaddeus’ performance is always a warm combination of heart, values and well-honed skills,” said Sandy Hinden, executive director of the Center. “Children and adults alike are in awe of the magic Thaddeus creates with both words and deeds – all close to home and for less than the price of an afternoon at the movies.”

Thaddeus has been performing in Long Island theaters for a quarter century as an actor and a magician. He also travels to schools and libraries with his own magical educational shows. He has performed his original show, *Storytime Magic*, for thousands of children and has since done the same for his most recent show “Imagine.”

“The World of Wonder” is not only a show for the whole family; it is a show *BY* the whole family. Thaddeus’s entire family plays a role either in front of the stage or back stage -- each contributing their own skills and talents to make the entire production a success. That personifies the important message embedded in this delightfully entertaining afternoon.

Some of Thaddeus' regional acting credits include playing Mickey in the Long Island premiere of *Greetings*, Felix in *The Owl & the Pussycat* and Willie Conklin in the Long Island premiere of *Ragtime*. As a long-standing member of Middle Class American Productions, Thaddeus displayed his comedic talent in *Trailer Park Etiquette*, *Cruise to Switzerland*, *Avarice & Harmony* and numerous editions of John Blenn’s renowned *American Dating Catastrophes* comedy series among others.

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York, 11746-5857. For more information and ticket sales, please contact the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center box office at (631) 656-2148 or visit online at www.DHPAC.org. Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).

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