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FESTIVAL PLAYERS HOSTS AWARD-WINNING CHILDREN'S THEATRE

*attached/below – production photo from *Rocket and the Queen of Dreams*

Prince Edward County, ON, (March 30, 2009): Festival Players of Prince Edward County is thrilled to bring a stunning piece of theatre to County children. Roseneath Theatre is a multi-award winning company that has been producing and touring shows for school-aged children for close to 25 years. Their latest production, *Rocket and the Queen of Dreams* runs at CML Snider School in Wellington May 19 – May 22, 2009.

Rocket and the Queen of Dreams is a beautiful combination of puppetry, shadow puppetry and live performers. It's about a little boy who is afraid of the dark and his dreams, and was written based on interviews the company conducted with young children while on tour in Ontario schools.

"The work began with a desire to explore the world of children's dreams. Carrie Costello (puppeteer) and I spent a week at Rawlinson Community School in Toronto talking to children in grades 1 – 4 about their dreams", says playwright and director David S. Craig. "They spoke, wrote and drew pictures. It was very exciting for them because it was clear that many had never had the opportunity to talk about their dreams."

The award-winning writer of more than 20 professionally produced plays goes on to add: "*Rocket* is the story of how a little boy overcomes his fear of night time monsters and should be an imaginative and empowering production for younger theatre-goers."

Festival Players Artistic Director Sarah Phillips states, "Our season is relatively short, really, running just 6 weeks out of the year. We are excited to bring work like this to County residents during what constitutes our 'off-season'. It's pure magic, this play. People will be completely mesmerized. Bringing world-renowned companies like Roseneath to our community is a real honour, a real treat."

Rocket and the Queen of Dreams plays at CML Snider School at the following times:

Tuesday, May 19 one show only at 12:45pm and
Wed, May 20 – Friday May 22, two shows daily at 10am and 12:45pm

Open to members of the public as available. Tickets cost \$3. No advance purchase necessary but people must reserve their seats by contacting boxoffice@festivalplayers.ca or calling 613.399.5677. Recommended ages JK – grade 4.

Festival Players wishes to thank CML Snider School and principal Sandra Closson for hosting this exciting performance.

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