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**BOSTON CHILDREN'S THEATRE ANNOUNCES
AUDITIONS FOR
'THE VELVETEEN RABBIT'**

-- Auditions set for Thursday, September 15 and Saturday, September 17 --

Boston, MA-- Boston Children's Theatre (BCT) has announced auditions for their holiday production of THE VELVETEEN RABBIT. Auditions for this family classic will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 5:00 pm and on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 10:00 am at BCT's studios, 316 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA.

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm and on Saturdays from 3 pm – 7 pm. THE VELVETEEN RABBIT will be performed at the Roberts Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts from December 3 – 18. A complete rehearsal and performance schedule will be available on the day of the auditions.

According to Executive Producer Toby Schine, BCT is seeking actors between the ages of 8 and 19 to play human and puppet roles. He also says that there is no advanced preparation needed for the audition. "We will have students read excerpts from the play that we will provide at the audition," says Schine. "I do suggest, however, that auditioners be familiar with the story of *The Velveteen Rabbit* before they arrive to give them a better understanding of the play." Schine also asks that auditioners bring clothes they can move in and bring a water bottle.

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Back by popular demand, this spellbinding production follows the Velveteen Rabbit in his quest to become 'real.' Incorporating enchanting puppetry and live storytelling, THE VELVETEEN RABBIT is quickly becoming a holiday tradition for audiences of all ages.

To register for an audition time, visit www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org and click on Get Involved. For questions and additional information, contact Jay Pension, BCT Program Coordinator at 617-424-6634, x221 or e-mail registrar@bostonchildrenstheatre.org.

About Boston Children's Theatre

Now in its 60th season, [Boston Children's Theatre](http://www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org) (BCT) was founded as a stand-alone, non-profit organization, dedicated exclusively to young people and the telling of their stories. One of the oldest children's theatrical organizations in the United States, Boston Children's Theatre provides unique opportunities for inner city and suburban kids to work together by offering year-round opportunities for young performers to be involved in a broad range of theatrical productions. BCT is committed to providing high quality, diverse and affordable shows designed specifically for teachers, children and their families. For more information, visit www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org.

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