

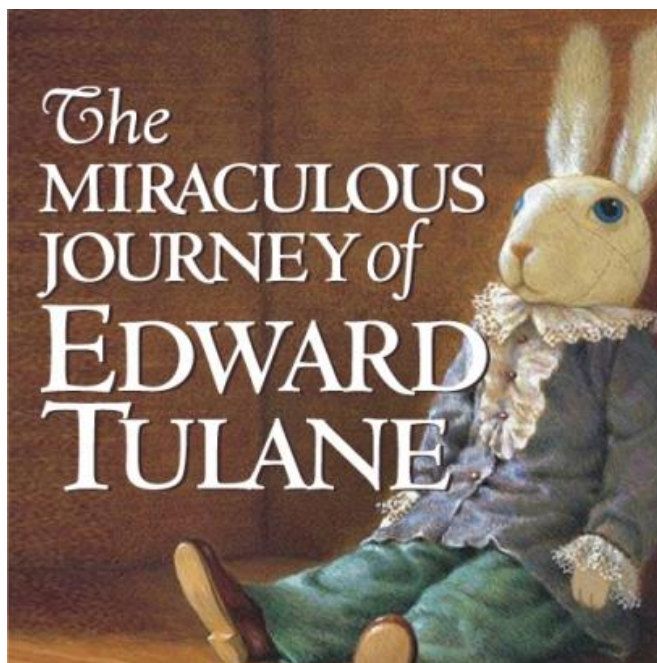
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THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE

*The heartwarming adventure returns to
The Herberger Theater Center*
Sep. 8 - Oct. 13, 2019
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS



(PHOENIX, AZ) Childsplay brings the touching story of EDWARD TULANE, a toy rabbit who falls overboard on a ship and embarks on a fantastic adventure. Based on the beloved book by Kate DiCamillo, THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE opens Childsplay's new season at The Herberger Theater Center, **Sept 8-Oct 13**. The heartwarming story has become a smash hit with families, hailed by The Arizona Republic as "pure magic."

THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE will be performed each weekend, September 8 - October 13, Saturdays at 1 pm and 4 pm and Sundays at 1 pm at the Herberger Theater Center's Center Stage, 222 E. Monroe.

The Storybook Preview for THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE is September 8 at 4 pm. Tickets are \$12 (general admission) and each family will receive a free copy of a book related to the Childsplay's 2019-20 Season. The Storybook Preview is sponsored by the Steele Foundation.

Tickets for THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE range from \$12 - \$35 and are available at childsplayaz.org. Backstage tours for families to view sets, costumes and technical aspects of the production are available on **September 21 and October 5** (Additional purchase required.)

Directed by Childsplay's Artistic Director **Dwayne Hartford**, THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE features Kyle Sorrell as "The Musician" and "The Voice of Edward," **Katie McFadzen** as "The Traveler," Debra K. Stevens as "The Woman," David Dickinson as "The One Man," and Ricky Araiza as "The Other Man."



About THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE

Written by Dwayne Hartford

With his handmade silk suits, wide array of hats and tiny gold pocket watch, Edward Tulane was the most exceptional toy in Abilene's room. He was adored and he was happy. But then, one day, he was lost. Based on Newbery-winner Kate DiCamillo's beloved book, Childsplay presents this breathtaking story of finding friendship, finding yourself, and eventually

finding your way home. Follow Edward on a fantastical adventure worthy of literature's greatest heroes.



FUN FACTS

Edward Tulane is 30.75 inches high, with complex wardrobe for his costume changes including custom made velvet suits, ruffled shirts, hats, sailor outfit, pajamas, pocket watch, and shoes.

Edward Tulane's "porcelain" head was created by 3D printer with 5 inch tall fuzzy fur ears attached. Childsplay created 7 identical Edward Tulane dolls to perform in



Edward Tulane story was created by the bestselling author of *The Tale of Despereaux*, Kate DiCamillo

Edward Tulane will premiere as an opera at Minnesota Opera in March 2020

The action for Edward Tulane takes place on a circular rotating stage with scenic projections to create the stars, sky and the sea.

Musical accompaniment for Edward Tulane includes guitar, violin and harmonica.



Kyle Sorrell
Voice of Edward
Musician



Katie McFadzen
The Traveler



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The Other Man



Dwayne Hartford
Director & Playwright

Childsplay's 2019/20 Season Sponsor is The Herberger Foundation.
The production sponsor for The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane is APS.

About Childsplay:

Childsplay, Inc. is a nonprofit theatre company of professional, adult artists who perform for and teach young audiences and their families. The mission of Childsplay is "to create theatre so strikingly original in form, content or both, that it instills in young people an enduring awe, love and respect for the medium, thus preserving imagination and wonder, the hallmarks of childhood which are keys to the future."

For more information, visit childsplayaz.org.

