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A colorful and musical adventure for the whole family in Madison January 20

Madison, Wis. (Jan. 5, 2024) — Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's elegant new show, [*The Rainbow Fish*](#), includes an original stage adaptation of Marcus Pfister's colorful story as well two of the author's companion tales, "Rainbow Fish Discovers the Deep Sea" and "Opposites." *The Rainbow Fish* will play in Capitol Theater at Overture Center on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. Tickets (\$25-\$35) are available at overture.org.

ABOUT THE RAINBOW FISH

The first of three tales introduces the most beautiful fish in the sea, whose scales shimmer in all the colors of the rainbow. He is admired – and resented – by the entire underwater world, until a clever octopus advises him to give each fish one of his scales. Further adventures follow as The Rainbow Fish finds the courage to explore the great unknown deep sea, discovering a new world with wonderful sights and friendly creatures of all shapes, sizes and colors who are eager to make his acquaintance. The underworld wonderland is the setting for an introduction to the concept of opposites. As a fitting finale, the story ends with the most satisfying opposite of all—give and take—as Rainbow Fish shares one of his shining scales with a friend.

Mermaid Theatre has earned international acclaim for its unique interpretations of the works of Eric Carle ("The Very Hungry Caterpillar"), Leo Lionni ("Swimmy," "Frederick," "Inch by Inch") and Sam

McBratney (“Guess How Much I Love You”). These widely travelled productions incorporate innovative puppetry, striking scenic effects and evocative original music to provide very young audiences with an effortless introduction to the performing arts and the excitement of reading. ***The Rainbow Fish*** features these same elements.

The Rainbow Fish will enchant even the youngest child with his silver scales and heart of gold in this award-winning book about the beautiful fish who learned to share his most prized possession. Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia brings ***The Rainbow Fish*** to life with their enchanting puppetry.

Winner of The Christopher Award, the Bologna Book Fair Critici in Erba Prize, American Booksellers Association ABBY Winner and an IRA-CBC Children’s Choice title, the sweet message of ***The Rainbow Fish*** series has resonated with children, parents, teachers, librarians and booksellers around the world.

Sensory safe space: *At this performance Overture Center will be hosting a dedicated sensory area and interactive zone. This space is designed to provide a variety of highly active and quiet sensory options, serving as a haven prior to and during the performance.*

For more information, visit mermaidtheatre.ca.

OVERTURE CENTER FOR THE ARTS in Madison, Wis., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization that features seven state-of-the-art performance spaces and four galleries where national and international touring artists, nine resident companies and hundreds of local artists engage people in nearly 700,000 educational and artistic experiences each year. With the vision to “create extraordinary experiences through the arts,” Overture’s mission is to support and elevate our community’s creative culture, economy and quality of life through the arts. overture.org

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