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Sarah Siddons Society Announces Outreach to Young Audiences

Sarah Siddons Society is proud to announce a new program for the organization: exposing disadvantaged students to a theatregoing experience.

Joining with the Chicago Humanities Festival in its spring festival, named **Stages, Sights and Sounds**, the Society will underwrite a morning at the theatre for 90 kindergarten and first-grade students with their teachers on May 16, 2013.

Students of the Telpochcalli bilingual school will enjoy a performance of *Sleeping Beauty Dreams* presented by Marionetas de la Esquina, a puppet theatre ensemble from Mexico. It is a retelling of the classic tale with humor and a modern twist. Sarah Siddons Society will underwrite the entire program, including transport to the Victory Gardens Theatre performance and their return to the school, located in the Pilsen neighborhood.

"We are thrilled to enrich the lives of these children by introducing them to live theatre," states Society President Greta Wiley Flory.

"This new goal of developing young theatregoers extends our vision while enhancing our mission of supporting Chicago Theatre," says Artistic Director Dominic Missimi.

The Society continues to award scholarships for talented theatre students at Columbia College, Northwestern University and DePaul University. This project marks the organization's first outreach to young audiences.

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