

CENTERSTAGE

Irene Lewis Artistic Director
Debbie Chinn Managing Director

700 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Administration 410.986.4000
Box Office 410.332.0033

www.centerstage.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Heather C. Jackson, Public Relations Manager
410.986.4016 | hjackson@centerstage.org

Sarah Weissman, Public Relations Intern
410.986.4013 | sweissman@centerstage.org

***AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS* ARRIVES AT CENTERSTAGE**

THE LOOKINGGLASS THEATRE COMPANY BRINGS THEIR INNOVATION AND IMAGINATION IN THIS SWASHBUCKLING, FAMILY ADVENTURE

BALTIMORE—November 2009. Jules Verne’s classic novel comes to life in the Lookingglass Theatre Company’s production of ***Around the World in 80 Days***, written and directed by Laura Eason, landing at CENTERSTAGE November 24.

Phileas Fogg—fantastically wealthy, majestically mysterious, and a dedicated man of scientific reason—has deduced that a mere 80 days is enough to circumnavigate the globe. And he’s staked his entire fortune on it. Will bandits, a herd of buffalo, an act of chivalry, and a meddlesome inspector from Scotland Yard prevent him from fulfilling this mindboggling task? Follow Fogg and his loyal valet Passepartout from the misty alleys of Victorian London to the steamy subcontinent; aboard steamships, locomotives, and elephants—as he learns about the heart, himself, and a world bigger than he ever anticipated.

Join CENTERSTAGE as we partner with Chicago’s award-winning Lookingglass Theatre on this swashbuckling and physically vibrant theatrical adventure—a family friendly show perfectly timed for the holiday season. Families can save up to 33% of the cost of regular tickets with **Family Packs**: 2 adults and 2 children pay just \$80 for Preview Performances and \$98 for regular performances (not including Saturday nights).

Around the World in 80 Days previews from Tuesday, November 26th through Tuesday, December 2nd, excluding Thanksgiving on November 26th. The play celebrates its official Opening Night on Wednesday, December 2nd and runs through Sunday, December 20th in CENTERSTAGE’s Pearlstone Theater. Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$60 and are available online at www.centerstage.org or by calling the CENTERSTAGE Box Office at 410.332.0033.

Founded in 1988 by a core group of artists who met while working together on a collegiate production of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, Lookingglass has carved out a singular reputation for adapting literary works into thrilling theatrical experiences, often through their use of an acrobatically physical style of performance and an emphasis on the barest materials—and richest possibilities—of the theater. Their production history—49 titles and counting, all of them collaboratively created—boasts ambitious (and award-winning) spins on major works of literature, tales of transformation and transportation ranging from Homer's *Odyssey* to Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, from *The Arabian Nights* to, of course, *Alice*.

Around the World in 80 Days is produced in association with Kansas City Repertory Theatre; Eric Rosen, Artistic Director, Cynthia Rider, Managing Director. This production is supported by Northrop Grumman, with additional support from Kramon & Graham, Constellation Energy, and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Maryland State Arts Council.

Since 1963, CENTERSTAGE has been committed to producing and developing an eclectic repertory of challenging, bold, and thought-provoking work, representing a varied array of theatrical styles and forms, in collaboration with leading artists. Each year, a consistently broad range of productions in two intimate performing spaces attracts highly diverse audiences of more than 100,000 people—including more than 12,000 fiercely loyal subscriber members, many of whom have been with the theater during its entire history. Additionally, CENTERSTAGE offers a variety of dramaturgical, community, and educational programs to broaden access and enhance the theatergoing experience, earning its honorary designation as the official State Theater of Maryland.

###