

## Go on an adventure with children's theatre

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The Lands Beyond lead to adventure for a bored boy in "The Phantom Tollbooth." They will also spell adventure for audiences when Evanston Children's Theatre stages the play based on Norton Juster's classic children's novel. Performances are 7 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12-14, at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston.

Artistic director Allie Miller's 53 actors, age 8 through eighth graders (in two separate casts), are going to literally make the pages of the book come alive.

"We went with the idea of it being a storybook, so all of our props are one-dimensional. Most are made of paper and cardboard," Miller said. "Our set-which was quite the undertaking-is a scrolling panorama. Each backdrop is one full sheet of rolled up paper-5 feet tall and 18 feet long." Cast members will advance the scroll for each scene. "It's going to be pretty impressive if all goes well," the director said.

Miller added that adults will also enjoy the show because "it's full of puns and plays on words."

Tickets are \$6.

For details, call (847) 448-8250 or visit [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org)

Aim for a bird

You might win your Thanksgiving turkey at the Parent-Child Turkey Shoot, 1-2:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20 at Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview. Parent/child teams will compete in free throw competition by the child's age level: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Cost is \$5 per team. Register in advance.

For details, call (847) 724-5670 or visit [www.glenviewparkdist.org](http://www.glenviewparkdist.org)

Sleeping beauty

An orphan sent to live with a neglectful uncle in a gloomy English manor discovers the key to removing her family's sadness in "The Secret Garden." Northwestern University is presenting the musical adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic novel, Friday, Nov. 12-Sunday, Nov. 21 at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston. Tickets are \$25, \$20 seniors, \$10 students.

For details, call (847) 491-7282 or visit [www.tic.northwestern.edu](http://www.tic.northwestern.edu)

Uplifting experience

Someone will levitate during Sean Masterson's Vaudeville Magic Show, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at the Actors Gymnasium, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. There will also be sleight-of-hand manipulation and lots of audience participation. Tickets are \$10. Kids ages 7-12 who attend Masterson's Magic Mastery Workshop on Saturday pay \$5.

For details, call (847) 328-2795 or visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

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Watch the wizard

You'll see the most exciting scenes from the first six films about the boy wizard in Hidden Harry Potter, 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at Deerfield Public Library, 920 Waukegan Road. You will also hear inside jokes, behind-the-scenes tidbits and fascinating facts about the movie during this presentation for all ages. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 580-8962 or visit [www.deerfieldlibrary.org](http://www.deerfieldlibrary.org) [www.deerfieldlibrary.org](http://www.deerfieldlibrary.org).

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