

# PRESS RELEASE

NSDF & Theatre503 present

*The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame adapted by James Phillips

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Press Night – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 18.00

Direct from their sell-out success in Yorkshire and the Latitude Festival, NSDF Olivier Award-winning Theatre503 present *The Wind in the Willows* in a new version by award-winning playwright James Phillips, complete with original music and dance, performed by the NSDF10 Ensemble from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

Toad, Badger, Mole and Rat are about to embark on an epic adventure... but little do they know it. Join these four friends as they find themselves fighting with the weasels of the wild wood, a much more sinister furry being, defending Toad Hall and their right to picnics, pickled eggs and lashings of cheese. Come and join us for a Christmas spectacle. Poop poop!

NSDF is celebrating its 56th year of producing, programming and supporting the work of young and emerging artists, which has consistently been the place for artists to launch their careers. The next festival takes place 9th – 15th April 2011 in Scarborough and will be the highlight of the cultural calendar for young people in the UK. The cast of the NSDF Ensemble represent the best of the this year's student creative talent who you will undoubtedly be seeing much more of in the future on our stages and screens.

Theatre503 is London's main and most highly considered entry-point theatre for playwrights and emerging artists. Hosting the NSDF10 Ensemble this Christmas, Theatre503 is proud to provide a platform for the next generation of theatre talent. *The Wind in the Willows* is part of a packed festive programme, which also includes Coalition (23 November – 5 December) and PLAYlist (14 – 22 December). ***"Theatre503's commitment to nurturing the next generation of theatre-makers ensures the most inspirational, cutting-edge work takes shape on their stage."*** (Kevin Spacey Artistic Director, Old Vic Theatre)

***"A really exciting new take on a much loved story"*** (Matthew Gale  
Producer of the smash-hit, *The Railway Children*)

## Listings Information

**Theatre 503:** Fri 1<sup>st</sup> & Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec @ 18.00, Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec @ 14.00 & 18.00, Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 14.00, Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 14.00 & 18.00, Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 18.30, Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 18.30, Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 15.00 & 18.30, Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 15.00 & 18.30, Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 18.30, Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 14.00 & 18.30, Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 18.30, Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 18.30, Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 15.00 & 18.30.

**Box Office 020 7978 7040 or book on-line at: [www.theatre503.com](http://www.theatre503.com)**

This performance will last approximately 60 mins and is suitable for children aged 6+ years.

The NSDF10 Ensemble is made possible by the generous support of Martin Bowley Charitable Trust, Giggleswick School and Festival Republic.

**For further press information, photographs or to book interviews with any of the artists please contact Holly Kendrick on 020 7036 9027 or 07966 242 739 or email: [holly@nsdf.org.uk](mailto:holly@nsdf.org.uk)**

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