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## Nickelodeon Brings *Storytime Live!* to The Temple Theatre April 21& 22, 2010

### *Dora the Explorer, The Backyardigans, The Wonder Pets! and Ni Hao, Kai-Lan* Featured in Brand-New Stage Production

**SAGINAW, MI– JANUARY 22, 2010**–Nickelodeon and Broadway Across America bring *Storytime Live!* to *Saginaw* from April 21 to April 22. *Storytime Live!* is the first-ever live family theatrical tour featuring characters from four of the current top-rated preschool shows on television today : *Dora the Explorer, The Backyardigans, The Wonder Pets!* and *Ni Hao, Kai-lan*;. Preschoolers and their parents can see their favorite Nick Jr. characters come to life in one action-packed on-stage adventure hosted by Nick Jr.'s Moose A. Moose and Zee. The tour will visit more than 70 cities in 2010.

Tickets for *Storytime Live!* are \$15, \$25 & \$28 and go on sale to Marquee Club Members January 29 and to the general public February 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets may be purchased by calling 754-SHOW, or by visiting [www.templetheatre.com](http://www.templetheatre.com) or in person at the Temple box office located at 201 N. Washington, Saginaw, MI. For more information, visit [www.nicklivetour.com](http://www.nicklivetour.com).

A special **on-sale party** is planned for **Saturday, February 6 from 10am-2pm** at the Temple and will include a special discount, lots of fun, activities, snacks and a few extra surprises!

Each segment of *Storytime Live!* takes kids and their families on a different brand-new adventure, whether its leaping into Fairytale Land with Dora and Sleeping Boots, journeying through Filthingham with *The Backyardigans*, hopping into Wonderland with the *Wonder Pets!* or jumping on clouds with Kai-lan and the Monkey King.

The *Storytime Live!* creative team comes with a diverse theatrical background and includes: Director Sam Scalamoni (Associate Director: *Lestat* and *Beauty and the Beast* on Broadway); Scenic Designer Josh Zangen; Costume Designer Patrick Bevilacqua (*Thomas and Friends: A Day at the Circus*, Costume Designer;); and Choreographer Wendy Seyb.

Additionally, the creative teams for each of the Nick Jr. shows featured are part of the production, including: contributions from Sascha Paladino, head writer for *Ni Hao, Kai-lan*; Janice Burgess, creator of *The Backyardigans*; Josh Selig, Billy Lopez and Little Airplane Productions, Inc for *Wonder Pets* and Valerie Walsh-Valdes, co-creator of *Dora the Explorer*.

Nickelodeon has produced several of the top quality theatrical and touring shows for kids and their families which have drawn more than 2.5 million attendees in 12 years.

Nickelodeon, now in its 30th year, is the number-one entertainment brand for kids. It has built a diverse, global business by putting kids first in everything it does. The company includes television programming and production in the United States and around the world, plus consumer products, online, recreation, books, magazines and feature films. Nickelodeon's U.S. television network is seen in almost 100 million households

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