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**NINE O'CLOCK PLAYERS TO LAUNCH 90th ANNIVERSARY SEASON WITH
*JACK AND THE GIANT***

Opening Day - Sunday, October 20, 2019

Los Angeles, September 16, 2019 – The multi-award winning NINE O'CLOCK PLAYERS continue their 90th year bringing extraordinary family theatre to Southern California with a magical musical look at the timeless story of *JACK AND THE GIANT*, with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur, book by Vera Morris, musical direction by Daniel Gledhill, set design by Vidas Enck, lighting design by Brandon Baruch, costume design by Steven Nielsen, technical direction by Drew Wilson, and direction by Julia Holland.

There is a Giant in the sky! Not only has he captured Good Queen Violet and taken her to his castle in the clouds, but he is demanding even more money from the poor people of the Kingdom below for her safe return. The villagers have nothing more to give, but with a little magic and a lot of courage, Jack ventures up into the clouds on a gigantic beanstalk to face the Giant and save the day. With singing, dancing, and fantastical characters, "Jack and the Giant" is another gorgeous production full of fun and excitement for audiences of all ages.

Opening Day will take place on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2pm. Other performances are on Sundays, October 27th and November 3rd, 10th, and 17th. All performances are at 2pm. Ticket prices are \$15. Special group rates and birthday parties are available.

For tickets please call (323) 545-6153 or visit www.nineoclockplayers.com to purchase tickets online. The Assistance League Theatre is located in Hollywood at 1367 N. St. Andrews Place.

Director Julia Holland received the "2011 Music Educator of the Year" award from the Malibu Music Awards, and has received a NAACP nomination for best director of a musical. Julia is also the creator and executive director of the Eco Hero Kids, a pop vocal group gaining national attention.

The Nine O'Clock Players (NOP) has been producing plays since 1929, and is the oldest children's theatre company in Southern California. The award-winning NOP stages performances throughout the school year – providing live theatre for thousands of Title 1 LAUSD students. Productions are offered to school groups during the week, and to the public on weekends. Revenue from weekend performances support the NOP to offer shows and bus transportation at no cost to economically and physically-challenged children throughout the LAUSD. Built in 1938, the Assistance League Theatre is the oldest barn theatre west of the Mississippi River.

Assistance League® of Los Angeles was formed in 1919, when a group of 13 women organized to provide food and clothing for families adversely impacted by World War I. For nearly 100 years, the League has continued to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged youth in Los Angeles. The League's programs remove barriers to education for thousands of underserved and impoverished Los Angeles youth, providing education, shoes, clothing, books and an introduction to the arts. For more information, visit www.assistanceleaguela.org.