

'Three Little Birds' hits the stage

Adventure Theatre MTC (ATMTC) is announcing the world premiere musical, Three Little Birds, the fourth in its professional 2012-2013 61st season, in two weeks.

The musical is to run from March 15 to April 14 and is based on the book by Cedella Marley with music and lyrics by reggae legend Bob Marley. Tickets to the show costs US\$19 each and can be purchased online at www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org or by calling 301-634-2270. The show features three little birds singing their sweet songs to Ziggy, a very shy child who is happy to see the world from the TV in his room. Ziggy's tricky friend Nansi wants him to get out and enjoy the island nation of Jamaica. But, Ziggy is afraid of hurricane, mongoose and evil spirits. The worldly adventure is enlivened by the fantastic songs of Marley. Beautiful story Directed by Nick Olcott and adapted for the stage by ATMTC's producing artistic director, Michael J. Bobbitt, Three Little Birds brings to life not only a beautiful story, but an Afro-Caribbean culture and music that heavily influenced African-American music in the mid-1900s and continues to influence it today. As a result, Three Little Birds is the third of Adventure Theatre MTC's African-American Adventure Series. The second of this series, The Snowy Day, is nominated for Outstanding Production, Theatre for Young Audiences, in the 2013 Helen Hayes Awards. The first, Mirandy and Brother Wind, was a finalist in the 2012 NY Musical Theater Festival. Three Little Birds is recommended for children aged four and above. All performances will take place at Adventure Theatre MTC, in the historic Glen Echo Park. "Jamaica may be a small island nation, but its presence has been felt globally, especially in America. We have been so blessed to have support from Cedella Marley, who was amazing to work with on this project and allowed us to introduce her words and her father's music to a new generation," said Bobbitt. Adventure Theatre (founded in 1951) and Musical Theater Center (founded in 1986) merged into one organisation, Adventure Theatre MTC, in 2012. Located in Glen Echo Park (Glen Echo, MD) and Wintergreen Plaza (Rockville, MD), ATMTC cultivates new generations of artists and audiences by creating memorable theatrical productions and by providing young people the highest quality musical theatre training. ATMTC serves students at all skill levels and families from diverse communities, approximately 75,000 people annually. Jamaica Gleaner