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## The Headless Horseman Rides Again!

Arena Players Children's Theatre to Perform Halloween Favorite, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, at Vanderbilt Museum

## October 29 – November 20

CENTERPORT, NY (October 8, 2011) – Just in time for Halloween, the Arena Players Children's Theater will present Washington Irving's classic Hudson River Valley tale, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, at the Vanderbilt Carriage House Theater (in the museum's Education Center) on Saturdays and Sundays, October 29 – November 20, at 1:00 p.m.

In Washington Irving's tale, published in 1820, the new schoolmaster, Ichabod Crane, and the town's strongest farmer, Brom Bones, compete for the affection of Mistress Katrina Van Tassel.

In this delightful audience-participation play, children can take part in lessons with the school children, become farmers with Brom, sing with the Van Tassel family at its annual frolic, tell ghost stories around the fire with the townspeople. Best of all, children learn the real story behind the legend of the headless horseman.

Along with Irving's companion piece, *Rip Van Winkle, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* is among the earliest examples of American fiction still read today.



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The cast of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

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Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, and children under 3 are free. <u>Reservations are highly encouraged</u>. For further information and to make reservations, call (516) 293-0674 or (631) 854-5534. Visit us on the web at <u>www.ArenaPlayers.org</u>.

The Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum is located at 180 Little Neck Road in Centerport, NY 11721 and is accessible to the handicapped.

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