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**NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES THE MAGIC OF TICHENOR**

Library Invites All To Rediscover His Classic, Made New

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Nashville Public Library (NPL) is celebrating today's would-be 102nd birthday of one of Nashville's — and the nation's — most consequential puppetry artists with free performances of his classic show, made new.

Now through February 22, the Library's Wishing Chair Productions team of performing artists will present ***The Little Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings*** by Tom Tichenor, [a cherished American puppeteer](#) who decades ago **founded NPL's renowned puppetry program** before his career took him to Broadway — and, later, back to Nashville.

First recorded in 1978, Tichenor's adaptation introduces a lovable and wide-eyed character, Little Rabbit, who learns a lesson about why you shouldn't make silly wishes.

To recreate this decades-old show as faithfully to the original as possible, Wishing Chair harvested sound from the 1978 recording, as well as a later version of the show that ran in the mid-2000s.

The reimagined show features Nashville performing artists **Pete Carden** as the spoken voice of Little Rabbit; **Evelyn O'Neal** as Mother Rabbit; **Jennifer Kleine** as Mrs. Gray Squirrel; **Ginger Sands** as Mrs. Puddleduck and **Fred LaBour** (also known as Too Slim from the GRAMMY Award-winning Western group *Riders In The Sky*), reprising his roles from the original 1978 recording as the voices of Professor Groundhog and Pinkney Green.

[All shows](#) are free and open to everyone in the Children's Theatre at the Main Library, 615 Church Street in downtown Nashville.

Wishing Chair Productions, supported by generous donations through the [Nashville Public Library Foundation](#), creates original, world-class theater for people of all ages. These full-scale, literature-based productions are performed for free at the Main Library and at community sites across Davidson County, thanks to NPL's Puppet Truck.

### **About Nashville Public Library**

With more than two million books, movies, and music items to choose from — plus great programming and resources to improve early and adult literacy, STEAM, ESL, and other key skills — NPL is Nashville's gateway to some of the best resources our city has to offer. Every year, across our 21-location system, thousands of visitors discover how our library lives up to our philosophy: at NPL, books are only half the story.



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