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**ODC's "Velveteen Rabbit" Returns to the Mondavi Center Stage**

**Davis, Calif.**—ODC/San Francisco's innovative theatrical presentation of **"The Velveteen Rabbit"** returns to the **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis**, on **Sunday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m.** in **Jackson Hall**. In an award-winning production that will delight the young and young at heart, ODC brings to wondrous, musical life **Margery William's** beloved 1922 children's story of fantasy, loss, self-esteem and the transformative powers of love.

**Pricing** is \$30/25/20 for regular tickets and \$15/12.50/10 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at [MondaviArts.org](http://MondaviArts.org), through the Mondavi Center box office at 530-754-2787 or 866-754-2787 (toll-free), or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. This event is presented as part of the Mondavi Center's **Children's Stage Family Series**.

The Mondavi Center Arts Education Program will also present **ODC's "Velveteen Rabbit"** as part of the **2008–09 School Matinee Series** at **Jackson Hall** on **Monday, Nov. 17, at 10:30 a.m.** and **1 p.m.** The School Matinee Series is made available for teachers and students, including homeschoolers. Performances in this series support the California Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards. Educators interested in purchasing tickets should call 530-754-4689.

**ODC** was formed at Oberlin College in Ohio by **Brenda Way, founder and artistic director**. The group of 16 dancers, musicians, artists, choreographers and composers relocated to San Francisco in 1976. Since then, "ODC has become one of the few thriving modern dance companies anywhere," as noted by the "San Francisco Examiner." In their 36-year history, ODC has built a dance school, a children's company, an active touring schedule and a campus of its own, the ODC Dance Commons and the ODC Theater, where the company not only teaches and rehearses but also presents performers from around the world.

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ODC’s **KT Nelson, choreographer and co-artistic director**, was drawn to perform “**The Velveteen Rabbit**” because of its “central metaphor about becoming real.” She continues, “In poetic and touching form, Margery Williams suggests that age and experience give us the opportunity to achieve greater humanity, that the power of love can mend us and that loyalty and perseverance can bring meaning to our lives.”

“We’re happy to welcome back ODC’s production of “The Velveteen Rabbit,” said **Don Roth, Mondavi Center executive director.**

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