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Award-winning author Lois Lowry in Milwaukee
for the opening weekend of the world premiere of

GOSSAMER

Lois Lowry's first adaptation for the stage

Directed by Jeff Frank
In collaboration with Oregon Children's Theatre

September 19 – October 5, 2008
Todd Wehr Theater, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

This play is most appreciated by adults, teens and young people ages nine and older.

Milwaukee, Wis. (September 11, 2008) – Lois Lowry, the award-winning author of such novels as *The Giver* and *Number the Stars*, will appear in Milwaukee on Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20 for First Stage Children's Theater's world premiere of *GOSSAMER*. *GOSSAMER*, based on Lowry's 2006 novel of the same title, is her first stage adaptation. An invisible dream-giver, a troubled child and a lonely, sensitive woman realize the haunting power of dreams and nightmares. The show runs September 19 through October 5, 2008 at the Todd Wehr Theater in the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water Street in downtown Milwaukee.

First Stage's *GOSSAMER* is in collaboration with Oregon Children's Theatre of Portland, Oregon and First Stage Children's Theater. The collaboration includes a co-

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commission of author Lois Lowry to adapt her book for the stage, play development and associated educational programming. Oregon Children's Theatre will premiere GOSSAMER on October 18.

Lowry will participate in an extended talk-back immediately following the performances on Friday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. During the talk-back, the actors remain on stage immediately after the performance and solicit questions from the audience. Lowry will join the cast on stage to answer further questions about the play, her writing, and the play development process.

On Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m., Lowry will appear at a reading at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop at 10976 N. Port Washington Road in Mequon. For further information on this event, visit www.schwartzbooks.com or call (262) 241-6220.

For tickets to First Stage Children's Theater's opening weekend performances of GOSSAMER, order online at www.firststage.org or call the Marcus Center box office at (414) 273-7206.

First Stage Children's Theater is Milwaukee's premier, professional family theater. Founded in 1987, the mission of the company is to provide professional theater productions for young people and their families that engage, enlighten and entertain, Theater Academy training that fosters life skills through stage skills and dynamic in-school education programs that provide learning through theater. First Stage is a member of the Theater Communications Group, TYA/USA, the American Alliance for Theatre and Education, the Wisconsin Alliance for Arts Education and Americans for the Arts as well as Theatre Wisconsin and Milwaukee Arts Partners, and is a cornerstone member of the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF).

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