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TARGET AND WEXNER CENTER PARTNER TO BRING CHILDREN FROM BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS TO THEATER SHOW BY SCOTTISH TROUPE

As part of its support for the Wexner Center's production of *The Happy Prince* this Sunday—the first show in the Center's new International Performing Arts Series for Families—Target will collaborate with the Wexner Center to provide free tickets and a juice-and-cookie party for a group of children from **Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Ohio.**

Notes Shelly Casto, the Wexner Center's Director of Education, "Not only has Target generously come on board as a sponsor for this inventive production, but the company has shown a further commitment to the community by working with Big Brothers and Big Sisters to bring children to this show who might not otherwise be able to attend."

Target's sponsorship of *The Happy Prince* is part of the ongoing support Target provides to local communities throughout the country. Target's philanthropic support is focused on education, the arts, social services, and other vital community partnerships. Laysha Ward, Target's vice president of community relations, says, "Target is proud to partner with the Wexner Center as part of our ongoing commitment to give back to the communities where our guests and team members live and work."

The Happy Prince, performed by Annie Wood Productions of Scotland and intended for ages 4–9, incorporates live action, puppetry, and audience participation. It will be performed Sunday, February 12 at 2 pm in Mershon Auditorium at the Wexner Center. More info: www.wexarts.org (and click on "learn" and "for families").

About the Wexner Center

The Wexner Center for the Arts is The Ohio State University's multidisciplinary, international laboratory for the exploration and advancement of contemporary art. Through exhibitions, screenings, performances, artist residencies, and educational programs, the Wexner Center acts as a forum where established and emerging artists can test ideas and where diverse audiences can participate in cultural experiences that enhance understanding of the art of our time. In its programs, the Wexner Center balances a commitment to experimentation with a commitment to traditions of innovation and affirms the university's mission of education, research, and community service.

About Target

Target gives back more than \$2 million a week to its local communities through grants and special programs. Since opening its first store in 1962, Target has partnered with nonprofit organizations, guests and team members to help meet community needs. Additionally, Target team members and retirees donate more than 300,000 hours to more than 7,500 projects each year.

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