

***The Nocturnals* Author Tracey Hecht to Participate in Minnesota Zoo’s Early “EdZOOcation” Day**

New York, New York-May 8, 2019 – Fabled Films Press, the publishing imprint of children’s media company Fabled Films, is proud to announce its participation in The Minnesota Zoo’s EdZOOcation Day. The Minnesota Zoo is the largest conservation education resource in the state. On **Tuesday, May 21, 2019** the Zoo is dedicating a special day of educational programming specifically designed to engage and inspire our early learners. Early EdZOOcation Day will feature a variety of activities and events for children aged three to five, with the entire day geared toward accommodating Head Start and all other morning, afternoon and full-day preschool programs.

Special guests include the Children’s Theatre Company and acclaimed children’s author Tracey Hecht. Hecht will host read-alouds of her popular book *The Nocturnals: The Peculiar Possum* and the Children’s Theatre Company will hold a number of special interactive performances throughout the day.

Early EdZOOcation Activities Include:

- Read-alouds with author Tracey Hecht
- Children’s Theatre Company performances
- Animal demonstrations on the Minnesota Trail
- Games and crafts
- Time to explore the Zoo

All Early EdZOOcation activities are self-directed and run from 9 am – 3 pm. Cost is \$9 per non-Zoo member child; \$3 per Zoo member child; Head Start groups are free.

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The Minnesota Zoo is a year-round destination located in Apple Valley, just minutes south of Mall of America. The Zoo’s mission is to connect people, animals and the natural world to save wildlife. For more information, call 952.431.9500 or visit mnzoo.org. The Minnesota Zoo is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and an institutional member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA).

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