

ABOUT THE COMPANY



Merlyn Productions is a live theatre production company in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Founded by Artistic Director John Chase, the company is committed to the mission of staging

“quality theatrical entertainment at an affordable ticket price”.

Merlyn Productions presents a full season of stage plays each year, with a cast and staff that dedicate time for the love of their art form, and are committed to fostering live theatre in Winnipeg for performers and patrons alike.

We welcome those from the greater community who wish to **exercise their talents** or **develop their abilities** in a professional setting.

Our commitment to giving performers of **many different ages and skill levels** the opportunity to appear on stage fosters a situation whereby upcoming actors – and even first-timers – can hone and develop their craft working alongside veteran performers.

As part of this philosophy, many of our productions are cast via auditions open to the general public, and also offer opportunities to work “behind the scenes”.

To become involved – whether as an actor, a crew member, or just someone with a few hours to hang posters in your area – by all means contact us, and we will be pleased to add you to our files.

VENUE & TICKETS



Regular season* shows for 2011 will be staged at:

THE ELLICE THEATRE
585 Ellice Ave (at Sherbrook)

For each performance, the Box Office opens one hour before show time, and the house opens a half-hour before show time. Payment for tickets is in cash at the door.

Reserving your tickets in advance is free, and recommended. Reserve online at www.merlyn.biz or call (204) 415-2714.

If you belong to a theatre-going group, society, or organisation, please telephone to enquire about discounted rates for ten or more.

* **N.B.**– Festival performances and other special events may take place at other venues, and/or be subject to different rules. This will be stated within individual show listings.

THE ELLICE CAFÉ

“GO FOR DINNER — STAY FOR A SHOW!”

The Ellice Theatre is adjoined to the **Ellice Café**, which features good portions and selection on a reasonably-priced menu.



Known collectively as the **Ellice Café & Theatre**, the complex is of excellent value to patrons who wish to enjoy a meal and a show in the course of an evening out on the town!

CONTACT US

GENERAL INFORMATION

Phone: (204) 415-2714
E-Mail: info@merlyn.biz
Web Site: www.merlyn.biz

TICKET RESERVATIONS

Online: www.merlyn.biz
By Phone: (204) 415-2714

STUDIO & MAILING ADDRESS *

306 - 63 Albert St
Winnipeg, MB R3B 1G4
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* **N.B.**– Merlyn Productions’ Albert Street studio is for classes, rehearsals, and postal mail, including résumés and headshots. **All performances** take place at *The Ellice Theatre* (585 Ellice Ave), or other venues as noted.

CLASSES & TRAINING

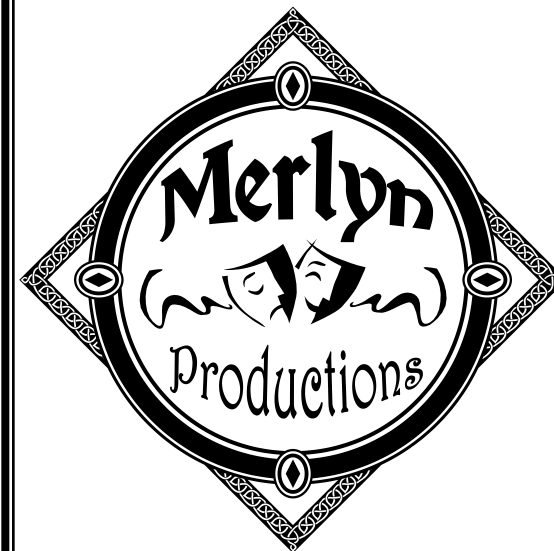
Did you know that in Autumn 2010, Merlyn Productions expanded its Albert Street studios to offer periodic courses in the performing arts?

An **introductory theatre class for adults** from Artistic Director John Chase will run March through May 2011, with an expanded line-up of exciting offerings coming this Autumn.

All Merlyn instructors are local professionals, who tailor their individual courses to provide quality training at a competitive price point.

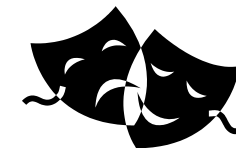
For the current course line-up and application forms, visit www.merlyn.biz/training.htm – or call (204) 415-2714 for further information!

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LIVE THEATRE COMPANY

**2011 SEASON
PLAYS & EVENTS**



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FEBRUARY

**SUNDAY
COSTS**



**FIVE
PESOS**

By Josephina Niggli

Bring your date, your spouse, or the rest of the family to this romantic comedy for Valentine's week!

Trouble brews in Old Mexico, when Fidel's wife-to-be Berta suspects a love triangle. A plot hatched by her meddling friends to fix the situation backfires, and the village erupts into hilarious mayhem.

This famous script by Mexican-American playwright JOSEPHINA NIGGLI once featured Bettie Page in its off-Broadway cast, and is still certain to entertain!

Wednesday, February 16 through
Saturday, February 19 at 7:30 PM daily.
MATINÉE: Saturday, February 19 at 2:00 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10
SENIORS (65+): \$7
GROUP RESERVATIONS (10+): \$7

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.
Geared for General Audiences; most suitable for ages 12 and up.

JUNE



**MERLYN PRODUCTIONS
DRAMATIC SHOWCASE 2011**

The adult introductory theatre class and a line-up of local community performers present live theatre monologues, scenes, skits, and sketches in an evening of comedy, tragedy and anything in between!

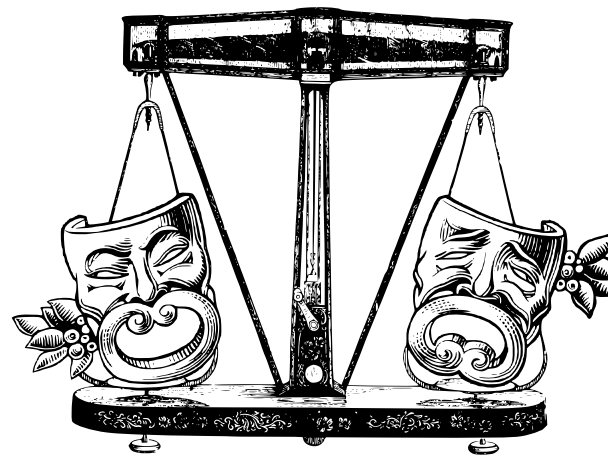
Merlyn Productions' DRAMATIC SHOWCASE is a new theatrical variety show that aims to become a yearly fundraising event for our company, in what can best be described as "cabaret show meets classic theatre"!

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!
Saturday, June 4 - 7:30 PM

FUNDRAISING EVENT:
ADMISSION BY DONATION
(Minimum \$5/person)

May contain Mature Content; most suitable for ages 14 and up.

OCTOBER



Morality Plays
An Evening of Drama

Life and Death play dice over a couple of depressed young artists planning suicide, a young woman is caught between love and the law, and just where is the harm in holding back the truth – if nobody gets hurt?

Situations from the serious to the comic and the absurd emerge, as we explore the "grey area of morality" in these short dramas of difficult decisions.

Final line-up of play titles to be confirmed in Summer.

Wednesday, October 19 through
Saturday, October 22 at 7:30 PM daily.
MATINÉE: Saturday, October 22 at 2:00 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10
SENIORS (65+): \$7
GROUP RESERVATIONS (10+): \$7

Geared for General Audiences; most suitable for ages 12 and up.

DECEMBER

Holiday Special

*Merlyn Productions will close its 2011 Season with a special holiday show for the whole family, playing **December 7 to 10** at the **Ellice Theatre**.*

Title and times to be announced during the Summer!

THAW FEST

An Evening of Milne, featuring



**THE
BOY
COMES
HOME**

By A. A. Milne

*We are pleased to re-mount our November 2010 production in the **THAW FESTIVAL**: five days of theatre from local producers Merlyn Productions, the Marketplace Players and Celeste Sansregret!*

A special programme of works by A. A. MILNE — the renowned author and World War I veteran best-known as the creator of Winnie-the-Pooh.

Featuring the one-act dark comedy of a young man's return from battle, plus a series of scenes and monologues adapted from Milne's short writings.

Playing at **AQUA BOOKS** (274 Garry Street):
March 15 at 9:00 PM, March 17 at 7:00 PM,
March 19 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

TICKETS: \$10

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RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY AT (204) 415-2714 OR WWW.MERLYN.BIZ