



COMPANY NEWSLETTER

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SEASON CLOSER ANNOUNCED



October 22 to 24, *Merlyn Productions* will close its 2009 Season with "**FANCY FREE** and **THE STEPMOTHER**". These two classic works will be presented back-to-back as a double-feature evening of comedy on stage!

"**FANCY FREE**", by Stanley Houghton, is a satirical tale of marriage, mistresses, and the antics of men and women in matters of love and infidelity – with a ludicrous twist.

"**THE STEPMOTHER**", by Arnold Bennett, is a famous farce of "hysteria in lady novelists"... Uproarious deceptions, assumptions, and personality clashes ensue between an eccentric author, her efficient but not-so-innocent secretary, and the men that admire them.

Both works are representative one-act plays by British authors of the early 20th century, as performed by eight local talents and directed by *Merlyn Productions* Artistic Director JOHN CHASE.

Cast in "**FANCY FREE**" are MEGAN WILSON, CHACE ZELINSKY, KEVIN HAMILL and LAURA CHAN; appearing in "**THE STEPMOTHER**" are KRIS DIAZ, VICTOR ENNS, TIM BEAUDRY and LEILA MARSTON.

Show times are 7:30 PM nightly, with a 2:00 PM matinée on Saturday the 24th.

For further information and reservations, call (204) 415-2714 or visit our website at MERLYN.BIZ.



MERLYN MEMBER NEWS

Many of our members fill diverse roles in the local arts community. We are pleased to highlight the following recent, newsworthy items:

- Congratulations to company Technical Director **KEVIN HAMILL**, who made his directorial début with the *Chase & Hamill* production of "**CINDERELLA! CINDERELLA!**" at the 2009 Winnipeg Fringe Festival – and to the multi-talented **LEILA MARSTON**, who was critically acclaimed as Costume Designer for the same. The show had several sold-out performances, and won "Best of the Fest" status in the Kids Venue.
- We were pleased to have **TONY FROST** directing "**THE BOOR**" in May. Mr Frost is best-known as the Artistic Director of *Fantasy Theatre for Children* and *The Theatre School*, and we congratulate him on his company's recent announcement of its 29th season under his direction.
- As of October 2009, our performer and local radio announcer **CHRIS REID** is the new permanent host of CJOB 68's "*Weekend Wakeup Show*". You can hear him live on air every Saturday and Sunday morning – and you can also catch him reprising his role as the Evil Magician in FTC's "**ALADDIN**", October 12 – 18 at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre.
- **EDWARD FINIGAN** (Nikodim in "**SACRED BLOOD**", May 2009) has departed for Halifax, NS, where he is providing leadership to a forming theatre company. We wish him the utmost of success!

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