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## COMPANY NEWSLETTER ISSUE #4: JANUARY 2010

### SEASON CLOSÉS STRONG

*Merlyn Productions Theatre Company* closed its 2009 Season with record attendance at the Ellice Theatre in October!

Our sincere thanks to all patrons that attended throughout the year, and to the dozens of cast, staff, and crew members that turned an eight-month schedule of 5 productions and 21 performances into a reality.

### COMPANY ON HIATUS

*Merlyn Productions* is now on a unique Spring hiatus, due to the recent marriage of Artistic Director John Chase to former Production Assistant and regular company performer Leila Marston.

The company is set to resume shows at the Ellice Theatre in Autumn, and looks forward to entertaining you with a regular calendar of plays continuing into next year.

In the meantime, don't miss seeing all three 2009 Company Staff members onstage at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival this Summer... Artistic Director John Chase and Technical Director Kevin Hamill are co-producing another children's theatre play as *Chase & Hamill*, following the smashing success of "CINDERELLA! CINDERELLA!" at last year's KidsFringe.

Similarly, Ms Leila Marston is on hiatus from the Company Staff in order to produce and perform in the Fringe as *Eternal Rose Theatre*.

Résumés and headshots continue to be accepted for our files during this down-time.

### PRODUCTION ARCHIVES ONLINE

The Production Archives are an exciting new part of our company website, featuring playbills, bios, and photo galleries from past productions.

Visit <http://www.merlyn.biz/productions/> for a fond look back at the 2009 Season whilst planning for Autumn 2010 is under way.

### MERLYN DECIDES TO ACT

*Merlyn Productions* has recently become a group member of *ACT Manitoba*: our local Association of Community Theatres. Information about the organisation can be found online at <http://www.actmanitoba.mb.ca/>.



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## MERLYN MEMBER NEWS

Many of our members fill diverse roles in the local arts community.

In addition to the Fringe productions mentioned on Page 1, we are pleased to highlight the following recent, newsworthy items:

- **TONY FROST** (who directed *"THE BOOR"* last May and is best-known as the Artistic Director of *Fantasy Theatre for Children and The Theatre School*) will be directing an adult play for *G.D. Productions* in the 2010 Winnipeg Fringe.
- Company performers **JESSE BOULET** (*"THE BOOR"*, May 2009) and **CHRIS REID** (*"BROTHERS IN ARMS"*, March 2009; *"HEY ABBOTT!"*, April 2009) will portray ugly stepsisters in *Fantasy Theatre for Children's* hilarious rendition of the classic *"CINDERELLA"*. Directed by **TONY FROST**; playing February 8 - 14 at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre.
- Congratulations to **BILL PATS** (*"SACRED BLOOD"*, May 2009; *"THE VALIANT"*, July 2009) on his recent role with *Skyline Theatre* in their staged reading of *"OWNERS"* for ChurchillFest.
- **KRIS DIAZ** (*"THE STEPMOTHER"*, October 2009) is currently hard at work producing and directing *"THE MATCHMAKER"*, to be presented at Lord Selkirk R.C. Secondary School in March.



## COMPANY STAFF

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
**JOHN CHASE**

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR  
**KEVIN HAMILL**

## FAMOUS THEATRE QUOTE

*"I do not regret one professional enemy I have made. Any actor who doesn't dare to make an enemy should get out of the business."*

- BETTE DAVIS

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