

# COMPANY NEWSLETTER ISSUE #7: NOVEMBER 2010

### AN EVENING OF A. A. MILNE



Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will close its 2010 Season with "An Evening of Milne, featuring THE BOY COMES HOME", November 25 to 27 at the Ellice Theatre.

This special programme tributes A. A. MILNE: the renowned British author and World War I veteran, who is best-remembered today as the creator of iconic children's character Winnie-the-Pooh.

The one-act dark comedy "THE BOY COMES HOME" centres around Philip, a 23-year old former officer who has just returned from World War I as a man well beyond his years. Unfortunately, his wealthy Uncle James still sees Philip as a boy, and has no idea of the realities of the front. Uncle James believes he contributed as much as any soldier, by paying extra taxes and suffering the shortage of potatoes – all from the comfort of his own home! He is about to receive a timely lesson to the contrary...

Rounding out the evening is a delightful series of scenes and monologues, adapted for the stage from Milne's short writings and articles.

Directing the programme is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE. Featured in the cast are TIM BEAUDRY, KIRSTEN WATTIS, JONATHAN LAWRENCE, RACHELL HODGINS, ANNA WOODWARD, LEILA MARSTON, and BROCK COUCH. Stage Managed by KEVIN HAMILL.

Show times are 7:30 PM nightly, with a 2:00 PM matinée on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

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



#### PERFORMING WITH CLASS

With the expansion of our Albert Street studios, *Merlyn Productions* is pleased to have begun offering periodic classes in the performing arts!

We thank all those that attended the recent Open House for "Think Outside, Inside & Around The Box" with Ryan McMahon. This Improvisational Theatre course, geared toward local performers, explores stage craft & creativity through improv techniques.

The next session of Ryan's course is planned to begin in early 2011, alongside other exciting training opportunities.

Information on upcoming classes will be posted as it becomes available at: www.merlyn.biz/training.htm

#### ONWARD TO A NEW DECADE

*Merlyn Productions* is currently planning a full 2011 Season of plays, with its schedule to be announced from the desk of Artistic Director John Chase by January of the coming year.

We thank all members and patrons for their continued support, and look forward to bringing Winnipeg another season of "quality theatrical entertainment at an affordable ticket price".

Be certain to keep an eye on the *Merlyn Productions* website and E-Mailing List for exciting upcoming announcements of new productions, classes, and audition opportunities!



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#### **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:

- Welcome to new company members BROCK COUCH, JONATHAN LAWRENCE, and KIRSTEN WATTIS! All three will appear in "An Evening of Milne, featuring THE BOY COMES HOME" with Merlyn Productions this Autumn.
- Under the direction of TONY FROST, Fantasy Theatre for Children will next present "ALADDIN", featuring SAM KOWALUK and CHRIS REID. Playing November 22 to 28 with daily shows at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre.
- Earlier this month, CHRIS REID and MEGAN WILSON were seen (or is that heard?) performing in the staged radio play "DRAMA AT YE OLDE INN" with The Marketplace Players. Sound effects were run live onstage by ANDREW THOMAS.
- MEGAN WILSON will next portray the Wicked Witch of the West in "THE WIZARD OF OZ" with Sturgeon Heights Collegiate. Playing December 1 to 4 at the Gas Station Theatre.
- KRIS DIAZ, drama teacher at Lord Selkirk R.C. Secondary School, has announced "GUYS AND DOLLS" as this year's production, to be presented at the Selkirk, Manitoba school in March 2011.



#### **COMPANY STAFF**

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR JOHN CHASE

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
KEVIN HAMILL

WARDROBE MISTRESS LEILA MARSTON

#### **INSTRUCTORS**

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### **FAMOUS THEATRE QUOTE**

"Artists use lies to tell the truth..."

- V for Vendetta

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