



COMPANY NEWSLETTER

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ROMANTIC COMEDY FOR VALENTINE'S WEEK

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will open its 2011 Season with **"Sunday Costs Five Pesos"** by Josephina Niggli, as part of an evening of romantic comedy for Valentine's week, February 16 to 19 at the Ellice Theatre.

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 play was penned in 1937 by Josephina Niggli - thought to be the only Mexican-American woman with a theatre named after her - and once featured Bettie Page in its off-Broadway cast. The story is a timeless, classic comedy still certain to entertain, and being produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Preceding the feature play is an Opening Act of humorous scenes and monologues on the theme of love, marriage, and relationships.

Directing the programme is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE.

Featured in the cast are KEVIN HAMILL, RACHELL HODGINS, SARAH MICKOSKI, MEGEAN HABER, and JOHANNA REINBERG, with SARA ARENSON, MELISSA HIEBERT, DONOVAN JACKSON, DAVID KING, IAN PETERS and KIRSTEN WATTIS.

Stage Managed by ANNA WOODWARD, Scenic Design by KEVIN HAMILL, Costume Design by LEILA MARSTON and Fight Choreography by BILL PATS.



Show times are 7:30 PM nightly, with a 2:00 PM matinée on Saturday February 19th.

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



INTRODUCTORY THEATRE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

As part of the company's efforts to increase opportunities for training in the performing arts, Merlyn Productions is pleased to announce:

"STAGE ONE" **Adult Theatre Classes**

"An introductory theatre course for adults age 18 to 48, who have little or no formal training, and a serious interest in exploring the art of live theatre", as taught by Artistic Director John Chase.

Whether it's just for fun, an engaging new hobby, or a first step on the road to professional performance - if you've done some High School plays, a Fringe play, or haven't played at all - "STAGE ONE" is the course for you!

DATES: March 5th to June 4th, 2011

TIMES: Saturdays, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM *

PLACE: 306 - 63 Albert Street in the Exchange

FEES: \$160 tuition + \$10 registration

* 12 weeks; each class runs 2 to 3 hours, depending on the material to be covered

All students will perform live onstage in a special showcase at the Ellice Theatre on the evening of Saturday, June 4th.

For information and registration, visit the "Classes & Training" page at www.merlyn.biz/training.htm or call (204) 415-2714.

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