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AN EVENING OF A. A. MILNE



THE BOY COMES HOME

by A. A. Milne

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will perform at AQUA BOOKS for the first time, as we re-mount "**THE BOY COMES HOME, And Other Works by A. A. Milne**" in the first annual THAW FESTIVAL, March 15 to 19, 2011.

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 guardian 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 KEVIN HAMILL.

If you missed this show last November, don't delay – reserve your tickets today!

These are just a few of the comments our patrons wrote for the 2010 Season run: "A most enjoyable evening out ... good story, great cast!"; "I really enjoyed the show ... The play was dark fun."; "A side to Milne I never realized but am glad to have encountered."

Playing at AQUA BOOKS (274 Garry Street).

Show times are Tue March 15 at 9:00 PM, Thu March 17 at 7:00 PM, and Sat March 19 at 7:00 PM, plus a 2:00 PM matinée on Saturday the 19th.

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



FIVE PESOS A NEW BOX OFFICE RECORD

"**Sunday Costs Five Pesos**" by Josephina Niggli has set a new Box Office record!

Our evening of romantic comedy for Valentine's week surpassed October 2009's "**FANCY FREE and THE STEPMOTHER**" as the highest-attended show Merlyn Productions has staged at the Ellice Theatre to date, and is now second only to the 2009 Winnipeg Fringe Festival run of "**THE VALIANT**" for the most successful Box Office overall.



A sincere THANK YOU to all of our patrons, the many performers who auditioned, and also the local media. The fantastic levels of interest and support that we received from each of you ensured that our 2011 Season opened in the best way possible!

"Committed to staging quality theatrical entertainment at an affordable price."

