



COMPANY NEWSLETTER ISSUE #11: FRINGE 2011

WINNIPEG FRINGE FESTIVAL

At Merlyn Productions Theatre Company, we are immensely pleased to have TWENTY of our company members working on SEVEN productions being presented in this year's festival.



Although Merlyn Productions is not in the 2011 Fringe, two performing companies spearheaded by Company Staff members have been rehearsing daily in our Albert Street studios, keeping us as busy as ever!

HEY ABBOTT! - Another Classic Comedy Tribute Show

Chase & Hamill is a partnership of Artistic Director JOHN CHASE and Technical Director KEVIN HAMILL, who are returning to the stage as Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "HEY ABBOTT! - Another Classic Comedy Tribute Show" at VENUE #1 - MTC Mainstage.



"The Abbott and Costello impressionists who had the original five-star smash hit at the 2008 Fringe are back with another tribute to the legendary comedy duo! When Bud and Lou take up jobs at the carnival, they encounter multiple crazy characters. Zany antics ensue! A family-friendly sketch comedy show featuring "Who's on First" and a NEW selection of old-time favourites."

The supporting cast is composed entirely of Merlyn Productions members, and features TIM BEAUDRY, BRIAN DOUGHERTY, RACHELL HODGINS, SAM KOWALUK, IAN PETERS and ANNA WOODWARD.

Thu July 14, 10:15 PM * Fri July 15, 4:15 PM
Sat July 16, 7:30 PM * Mon July 18, 2:00 PM
Tue July 19, 11:30 PM * Wed July 20, 6:45 PM
Fri July 22, 12:00 PM

Tickets: \$9 / Discount Tickets: \$7 for Seniors, Kids (12 & under), Fringe Performers & Volunteers.

LAW & ORDER:

Nursery Rhyme Unit

HamDad Productions is the solo venture of Technical Director KEVIN HAMILL, who is directing "LAW & ORDER: Nursery Rhyme Unit" at the KIDS VENUE - School of Contemporary Dancers.



"The Inspector and the Punnish Sir (he's always scrambling for egg puns!) investigate Humpty Dumpty's crime scene. FOWL PLAY is suspected! With so many puns and plot twists, the yolk's on you if you think this hilarious tongue-in-cheek comedy is only for young children. From the director of "CINDERELLA! CINDERELLA!" (2009 KidsFringe Best of the Fest)."

Featuring Merlyn members SARA ARENSON, EV DARRACH, KRIS DIAZ, RACHELL HODGINS, SAM KOWALUK, CAROLYNN PRIMEAU and ANNA WOODWARD. Stage Managed by LEILA MARSTON.

Thu July 14, 5:15 PM * Fri July 15, 2:15 PM
Sun July 17, 12:15 PM * Mon July 18, 11:00 AM
Tue July 19, 3:45 PM * Wed July 20, 3:30 PM
Thu July 21, 12:45 PM * Sat July 23, 5:00 PM

Recommended: Especially for Kids (12 & Under). Babes in arms permitted.

Tickets: \$8 / Discount Tickets: \$5 for Kids (12 & under), Fringe Volunteers.



For Winnipeg Fringe Festival advance ticket sales, visit WinnipegFringe.com or telephone (204) 942-6537.

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MERLYN MEMBER NEWS

Many members of *Merlyn Productions* fill diverse roles in the local arts community - which is currently focused on nothing if not the *Winnipeg Fringe Festival!*



We are pleased to highlight the following company members, and the productions they are involved in:

- *Chase & Hamill* presents "*HEY ABBOTT! - Another Classic Comedy Tribute Show*" at VENUE #1. (See Page 1)
- *Pocket Frock Productions* presents "*SPEECH & DEBATE*" at VENUE #2. Featuring **JONATHAN LAWRENCE**.
- *Academy of Broadcasting Corporation Faculty of Acting* presents "*SPRING AWAKENING*" at VENUE #4. Featuring **MEGEAN HABER** and **DONOVAN JACKSON**.
- *Lady of the Lake* presents "*THE FISHERMAN AND HIS SOUL*" at VENUE #5. Featuring **BROCK COUCH**.
- *Fallis & Ball's Productions* presents "*ROGUE COP*" at VENUE #6. Featuring **JESSE BOULET** and **MATTHEW STEFANSON**.
- *In Between Productions* presents "*A TASTE OF HONEY*" at VENUE #17. Produced by and featuring **KIRSTEN WATTIS**. Also featuring **JONATHAN LAWRENCE**.
- *HamDad Productions* presents "*LAW & ORDER: Nursery Rhyme Unit*" at the KIDS VENUE. (See Page 1)

COMPANY STAFF

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
JOHN CHASE

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
KEVIN HAMILL

WARDROBE MISTRESS
LEILA MARSTON

SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

YOUTH THEATRE INSTRUCTOR
TONY FROST

ADULT THEATRE INSTRUCTOR
JOHN CHASE

FAMOUS THEATRE QUOTE

"BIG TOP FRINGE: The Greatest Shows on Earth!"

– THE THEME & MOTTO OF THE
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