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## PRESS RELEASE: An Hour of Comedy, featuring "Brothers in Arms"

*Merlyn Productions* will open its 2009 Season with *An Hour of Comedy, featuring 'Brothers in Arms'* by Canadian playwright *Merrill Denison*.

"*Brothers in Arms*" is a delightful comedy of the culture clash and crossed wires that ensue when an uptight Army Major finds himself stranded with frontiersmen of the Ontario backwoods – and one all-too-helpful wife.

Since being penned for Toronto's *Hart House Theatre* in 1921, it has become Merrill Denison's most famous work, and a staple of Canadian one-act plays.

Rounding out the one-hour show is an opening act of humorous monologues and skits on the joys, trials, and tribulations of marriage, as performed by its versatile cast.

Featured in the production are Winnipeg theatre community talents CHRIS REID, LEILA MARSTON, KEVIN HAMILL, and MATTHEW STEFANSON, as directed by JOHN CHASE.

Aside from their live theatre credits, John Chase and Kevin Hamill are well-known to Winnipeg venues as Abbott & Costello impressionist act *Chase & Hamill*, and Chris Reid can often be heard "on air", announcing locally for both CJOB and UMFM radio.

**VENUE:** The Ellice Theatre – 585 Ellice Ave (at Sherbrook)  
**SHOW TIMES:** Thursday, March 19 through Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 PM  
Matinée on Saturday, March 21 at 2:00 PM

**TICKETS:** General Admission - \$9.00 / Seniors (65+) - \$7.00  
**RESERVATIONS:** By phone at (204) 415-2714 or online at MERLYN.BIZ

**Interviews, high-resolution publicity photos, and media comps are available upon request.** If your organisation holds draws or contests, a pair of opening night tickets can also be donated for give-away.

For additional information or to request any of the above, please call *Merlyn Productions* at (204) 415-2714 or e-mail info@merlyn.biz.

Warm regards,  
*John Chase*  
Artistic Director





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### **About The Company**

*Merlyn Productions* is a live theatre production company in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It is the successor to *C.G. Productions*, which staged plays locally from 1997 until 1999.

Founded by Artistic Director John Chase, the company is committed to the mission of staging "***quality theatrical entertainment at an affordable ticket price***".

Performers from the greater community are welcomed into our volunteer cast and staff, who dedicate time for the love of their chosen art form, and are committed to fostering live theatre in Winnipeg.

Although known as a live theatre company and the producer of performing arts community portal *WinnipegOnstage.com*, Merlyn Productions' 2009 Season will be the company's first full season of plays. Other titles shall be announced for the months of April, May, and October, as well as at the *Winnipeg Fringe Festival* in July.

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