



## PRESS RELEASE: "THE VALIANT" AT THE 2009 WINNIPEG FRINGE

As the fourth show of its 2009 Season, Merlyn Productions presents *"THE VALIANT"* at the *Winnipeg Fringe Festival*, July 15 - 26.

This powerful 50-minute suspense drama by Holworthy Hall and Robert Middlemass has endured in popular theatre for 88 years, winning numerous awards and spawning two Hollywood film adaptations since its penning in 1921.

Fringe Festival program copy is as follows:  
*"Connecticut. 1921. Enigmatic murderer "James Dyke" has created a national stir in his determination not to reveal his true identity. On the eve of his execution, a young girl arrives, holding out hope of finding her long-missing brother... But could she even still recognise him? Suspenseful, touching, and thoroughly human... Fringe veteran John Chase remounts this award-winning script."*



Artistic Director John Chase - also well-known for his portrayal of Bud Abbott in *Chase & Hamill's* 2008 Fringe smash hit *"HEY ABBOTT!"* - previously staged *"The Valiant"* for C.G. Productions in January of 1998.

Featured in the 2009 cast are Winnipeg theatre community talents TIM BEAUDRY, LAURIE DUNCAN, MEGAN WILSON and BILL PATS, with JOHN CHASE reprising the role of James Dyke.

Staff highlights include Stage Manager LEILA MARSTON, as well as Technical Director KEVIN HAMILL: portrayer of Lou Costello in Abbott & Costello impressionist act *Chase & Hamill*, and Director of the 2009 KidsFringe play *"Cinderella! Cinderella!"*.

**VENUE:** Venue #2 - MTC Up The Alley (174 Market Ave, Entrance on John Hirsch Pl)  
**TIMES:** Wed July 15, 8:45 PM Thu July 16, 5:45 PM Fri July 17, 11:15 PM Sat July 18, 1:30 PM  
Wed July 22, 7:00 PM Thu July 23, 11:00 PM Sat July 25, 3:45 PM  
**TICKETS:** General Admission - \$9.00 / Seniors, Fringe Performers & Volunteers - \$7.00

**Interviews and high-resolution publicity photos are readily available upon request.** For further information, please contact *Merlyn Productions* at (204) 415-2714 or 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, and the producer of performing arts community portal *WinnipegOnstage.com*. 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**".

We welcome performers of many ages and skill levels from the greater community into our cast and staff, who dedicate time for the love of their chosen art form, and are committed to fostering live theatre in Winnipeg.

For its 2009 Season, *Merlyn Productions* is presenting plays at the Ellice Theatre in the months of March, April, May, and October, as well as at the *Winnipeg Fringe Festival* in July.

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