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## PRESS RELEASE: "FANCY FREE AND THE STEPMOTHER" TO END SEASON

October 22 to 24, *Merlyn Productions* will close its 2009 Season with "**FANCY FREE and THE STEPMOTHER**". These two classic works will be presented back-to-back as a double-feature evening of comedy on stage!

"**FANCY FREE**", by Stanley Houghton (1911), is a satirical tale of marriage, mistresses, and the antics of men and women in matters of love and infidelity – with a ludicrous twist.

"**THE STEPMOTHER**", by Arnold Bennett (1900), is a famous farce of "hysteria in lady novelists"... Uproarious deceptions, assumptions, and personality clashes ensue between an eccentric author, her efficient but not-so-innocent secretary, and the men that admire them.

Both works are representative one-act plays by British authors of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, as performed by eight local talents and directed by *Merlyn Productions* Artistic Director JOHN CHASE.

Cast in "**FANCY FREE**" are MEGAN WILSON, CHACE ZELINSKY, KEVIN HAMILL and LAURA CHAN; appearing in "**THE STEPMOTHER**" are KRIS DIAZ, VICTOR ENNS, TIM BEAUDRY and LEILA MARSTON.

Cast highlights include company newcomer KRIS DIAZ, Drama Teacher at *Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School*, in the title role of "**THE STEPMOTHER**", as well as KEVIN HAMILL, best-known for his portrayal of Lou Costello in local Abbott & Costello impressionist act *Chase & Hamill*, and director of Kids Venue favourite "**CINDERELLA! CINDERELLA!**" at the 2009 Winnipeg Fringe Festival.

**TITLE:** FANCY FREE and THE STEPMOTHER  
**VENUE:** The Ellice Theatre – 585 Ellice Ave (at Sherbrook)  
**SHOW TIMES:** Thursday, October 22 to Saturday, October 24 at 7:30 PM  
Matinée on Saturday, October 24 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 and media comps are available upon request.** If your organisation holds draws or contests, a pair of matinée tickets can be requested for give-away.

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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