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## PRESS RELEASE: "AUGUSTUS DOES HIS BIT" OPENS 2012!

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will open its fourth season at the Ellice Theatre with **"AUGUSTUS DOES HIS BIT"** by George Bernard Shaw – playing January 31 to February 4 as part of the Master Playwright Festival.

Detailed description is as follows:

*"Merlyn Productions opens its 2012 Season with the uproariously funny one-act comedy that George Bernard Shaw called his "true-to-life" wartime farce!*

*"Meet Lord Augustus Highcastle: brilliant, handsome and capable (not to mention modest and self-sacrificing), as he would happily remind you from the daring command of his writing desk. Who better to trust with the super-secret list of Allied gun emplacements?*

*"An obstinate, over-age clerk who would rather be on the front lines and a beautiful woman with a hidden agenda complete the recipe for comic disaster. With allies like these, who needs enemies? We hope it all turns out well in the end – for our country's sake!"*



Directing the play is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE.

Featured in the cast of three local community theatre veterans are MITCH KROHN making his *Merlyn Productions* début as Lord Augustus Highcastle, TIM BEAUDRY as The Clerk, and ELIZABETH WHITBREAD as The Lady. Stage Managed by ANNA WOODWARD and BRIAN DOUGHERTY, with scenic design by KEVIN HAMILL and costume design by JENN HARDER.

**TITLE:** AUGUSTUS DOES HIS BIT, by George Bernard Shaw  
**VENUE:** The Ellice Theatre – 585 Ellice Ave (at Sherbrook)  
**SHOW TIMES:** Tuesday, January 31 to Saturday, February 4 at 7:30 PM  
Matinée on Saturday, February 4 at 2:00 PM

**TICKETS:** General Admission - \$10 or ShawPass / Seniors (65+), Groups of 10+ - \$7  
**RESERVATIONS:** Online at MERLYN.BIZ or by phone at (204) 415-2714

**Interviews and a pair of matinée comps for contest give-away are 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 that also operates a theatre school in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The company presents a full season of stage plays each year, while the theatre school offers acting classes for children, teens, and adults in Autumn, Winter and Spring.

*Merlyn Productions* 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 of many ages and skill levels from the greater community are welcomed into its cast and staff, who dedicate time for the love of their art form, and are committed to fostering local live theatre.

The company is now producing its fourth consecutive season of plays at the Ellice Theatre, which has been regarded as its mainstage since moving into its current Exchange District studio in late 2008.