



PRESS RELEASE: SNOW WHITE FOR SPRING BREAK 2013!

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will open its 2013 Season with **"SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS"**, adapted by MAURICE BERGER, as a children's theatre classic for Spring Break, March 22 to 26 at the Ellice Theatre:

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs with only three performers... Impossible? Not with this enchanting play, filled with humour and AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION!"

"For over 30 years, countless children have enjoyed this faithful rendition of the classic fairy tale, featuring Snow White, the wicked Queen, and a "storyteller" who becomes the huntsman and the handsome young prince, among others.

"This play is a true children's theatre experience: every young member of the audience becomes involved in the action, a few lucky children may be invited onstage as dwarfs, and you can meet the characters after a happy ending!"

Directing the play is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE. Mr Chase is a veteran of theatre for young audiences, having produced multiple children's theatre plays – including several Kids Fringe best-sellers – and served as cast and staff at *Fantasy Theatre for Children* for twenty seasons.

Featured in the cast of three local performers are MYLÈNE CHICOINE as Snow White, HEATHER FORGIE as the Queen, and SCOTT AUSTIN as a "Stage Manager" who portrays five key characters. Stage managed by DEAN DUNCAN, DAVID KING, and SAM KOWALUK, with original scenic and costume design by FANTASY THEATRE FOR CHILDREN.



TITLE: "SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS"
VENUE: The Ellice Theatre – 585 Ellice Ave (at Sherbrook)
SHOW TIMES: Fri March 22, 7:00 PM Sat March 23, 1:00 PM Sun March 24, 1:00 PM
Mon March 25, 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM Tue March 26, 1:00 PM
* Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time.

TICKETS: General Admission - \$10 / Children 12 & under, Seniors 65+ - \$7
* Special group rates available for 10 or more. Babes in arms permitted.

RESERVATIONS: Online at MERLYN.BIZ or by phone at 204-415-2714

Interviews and a pair of comps for contest give-away are available upon request.

For further information, please contact Merlyn Productions at (204) 415-2714 or info@merlyn.biz.

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About The Company

Merlyn Productions is a live theatre production company that also operates the *Winnipeg Theatre School* (WTS) in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The theatre company presents a full season of stage plays each year, while the theatre school offers acting classes for ages 10 to 55.

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 fifth 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.

Despite the closure of the Ellice Café in August 2012 and the pending sale of the facility, the Ellice Theatre has most recently extended bookings until the end of March 2013, allowing *Merlyn Productions* to launch its latest season at the familiar venue.