



PRESS RELEASE: ALICE RETURNS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will present "**THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS (And What Alice Found There)**", adapted for the stage by JIM GEISEL, as the ideal holiday special for the whole family, December 26 to 30 at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre.

"Follow Alice through the looking-glass in Lewis Carroll's fantastical sequel to "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"!

"Logic is nonsense in this land of comic fantasy, with talking chess pieces, and creatures from fairy tales and folklore.

"This one-hour adaptation keeps the Victorian charm and merriment, remaining faithful to Carroll's original scenes. Children will have the chance to meet Alice, the Red Queen, the White Queen, Humpty Dumpty, and their other favourite characters after the play!"



Directing the play is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE, who staged it previously in 2011. Mr Chase is a veteran of theatre for young audiences, having served as both cast and staff at *Fantasy Theatre for Children* for 20 seasons, and produced classic children's theatre titles for the past six years – including several multiple-sellout runs at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival Kids Venue.

The diverse Manitoba cast is led by *Winnipeg Theatre School* teen acting student JORDAN HRYNKIW in the title role of Alice, and also features ALISON KOLISNYK, HEATHER FORGIE, LAUREN MARSHALL, DANIEL GILMOUR, RICHARD PANGANIBAN, JOHN G. HANSEN, and MATTHEW PARIS-IRVINE, with BRIAN DOUGHERTY and CHRIS REID reprising their 2011 roles as the Engine-Driver and White Knight. Stage managed by DAVID KING and HELMUT FRIEDRICH. Costume design by JENN HARDER.

TITLE: THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS (And What Alice Found There)
VENUE: Forrest Nickerson Theatre – 285 Pembina Hwy (South of Confusion Corner)
SHOW TIMES: Friday, December 26 to Sunday, December 28 at 2:00 PM
Monday, December 29 and Tuesday, December 30 at 7:00 PM

TICKETS: General Admission - \$10 / Children 12 & under - \$8
Group rates available for 10 or more.

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

Interviews and 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 going into its seventh consecutive season of plays for 2015, and recently announced the **Forrest Nickerson Theatre** at 285 Pembina Highway as its new mainstage venue.