



PRESS RELEASE: SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will present **"SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS"**, May 20 to 24 at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre.

"For over 30 years, countless children have enjoyed this enchanting play, filled with humour and AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION!"

"This faithful rendition of the classic fairy tale is told with only three performers, featuring Snow White, the wicked Queen, and a "storyteller" who becomes the Magic Mirror, the Huntsman, and the Prince, among others."



"Every young audience member becomes involved in the action, a few lucky children get invited onstage as dwarfs, and you can meet the characters after a happy ending!"

This unique adaptation by MAURICE BERGER runs approximately 50 minutes.

Directing the play is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE. 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.

Featured in the cast of three local performers are HEATHER FORGIE reprising her 2013 role as the wicked Queen, U of W theatre student CLAIRE BOOTHE making her community stage début as Snow White, and Merlyn mainstage member DANIEL GILMOUR as a "story teller" who portrays five key characters.

Stage managed by DAVID KING, with lighting design by DARRYL AUDETTE and original scenic design by FANTASY THEATRE FOR CHILDREN.

TITLE: SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS
VENUE: Forrest Nickerson Theatre - 285 Pembina Hwy (South of Confusion Corner)
SHOW TIMES: Wednesday, May 20 at 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM
Thursday, May 21 & Friday May 22 at 7:00 PM
Saturday, May 23 & Sunday, May 24 at 2:00 PM
TICKETS: General Admission - \$10.00 / Group rates available for 10 or more.
Geared for children ages 3 and up. / Babes in Arms Permitted
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.

"Committed to staging quality theatrical entertainment at an affordable price."



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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 for both general & young audiences each year, while the theatre school offers acting classes for ages 10 to 55.

Merlyn Productions was founded by Artistic Director John Chase as the successor to *C.G. Productions*, which staged plays from 1997 to 1999. 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 *Winnipeg Theatre School* became part of the organisation in 2011. With the motto that "*some companies use professionals – we create them*", its 30-year-old brand came from *Fantasy Theatre for Children* and *The Theatre School*, to continue in FTC's tradition of quality training for all ages.

The company is currently producing its seventh consecutive season of plays for 2015, and performs at the **Forrest Nickerson Theatre** inside 285 Pembina as its mainstage venue.