



PRESS RELEASE: "BROTHERS GRIMM" FOR WINTER BREAK!

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will present children's theatre hit **"THE WORLD OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM"**, as adapted from *Grimm's Fairy Tales* by CAROLYN LANE, December 26 to 30 at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre.

"The stories of "King Thrushbeard", "The Fisherman and His Wife", and "The Elves and The Shoemaker" come to life through the magic of live theatre and storytelling!"

"With twists of comedy and audience participation, Grimm's characters learn valuable lessons while all three classic fairy tales resolve in a happy ending."

Geared for ages 3 and up, this 55-minute play is being re-mounted from the 2012 Winnipeg Fringe Festival, where it **SOLD OUT** four performances of its eight-show run!

Directing the play is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE. Mr Chase is a veteran of theatre for young audiences, having served as cast and staff at *Fantasy Theatre for Children* for 20 seasons, and produced classic children's theatre titles in Winnipeg for the past seven years.

The all-local cast of fourteen is composed of ages nine through senior, and includes several students and alumni of the *Winnipeg Theatre School*. Featuring BRIAN DOUGHERTY, BEN MCMAHON, CHRIS REID, NATALIE FITKOWSKY, TIM BEAUDRY, HEATHER FORGIE, DAVID KING, ALISON KOLISNYK, LEXIE DUBOIS, JENSEN GLOVER, JORDAN PHILLIPS, CAMILLA OPIDA, FILIP PETROVSKI, and XIMON WEBSTER.

Stage managed by KALYN BOMBACK. Lighting design by DARRYL AUDETTE. Costumed by KAITLIN KLASSEN.



TITLE: THE WORLD OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM
VENUE: Forrest Nickerson Theatre – 285 Pembina Hwy (South of Confusion Corner)
SHOW TIMES: Saturday, December 26 & Sunday, December 27 at 2:00 PM
Monday, December 28 at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 29 at 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM
Wednesday, December 30 at 7:00 PM
TICKETS: General Admission - \$10.00 / 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.

"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. Each year, the theatre company presents a full season of stage plays for both general & young audiences, 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 35-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 producing its eighth consecutive season of plays for 2016, and performs at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre inside 285 Pembina as its mainstage venue.