



PRESS RELEASE: A NEW BRAND OF THEATRE SCHOOL

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company is pleased to announce that its theatre school has been officially branded the **Winnipeg Theatre School** (WTS) as of February 2012.

This training institution for ages 10 to 55 was formed in March 2011, and is operated by members of the theatre company from its Albert Street studios in The Exchange.



Although the name of the *Winnipeg Theatre School* is newly-announced, the logo design and the credo that “*some companies use professionals – we create them*” will be recognised as having a decades-long presence within the Winnipeg theatre community:

“With the closure of *Fantasy Theatre for Children* and *The Theatre School* in 2011, numerous returning students selected *Merlyn Productions* as their new training grounds”, says Artistic Director John Chase. “The *Winnipeg Theatre School* was established with the aim of continuing in FTC's three-decade tradition of quality instruction for all ages, and we are thrilled to be able to also carry forward *The Theatre School's* logo and motto – to continue fostering the visibility of a 30-year-old brand within the city of Winnipeg.”

JUNIOR AND TEEN STUDENTS TO PERFORM

The “*Winnipeg Theatre School Youth Showcase*” will take place at 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 22 at the Ellice Theatre (585 Ellice Ave at Sherbrook).

Fifteen Junior and Teen acting students from the Autumn & Winter performance classes, ranging in age from 10 to 17, will present their scenes and monologues in a special programme open to the general public.

Tickets for this variety show fund-raiser are by donation (minimum \$5), and can be reserved at MERLYN.BIZ or (204) 415-2714.

SPRING SESSION ANNOUNCED

The *Winnipeg Theatre School* is now registering students ages 10 to 55 for its Spring session, which begins April 14. This 10-week term of “Introduction to Acting” classes provides the opportunity for those with little or no previous training to begin learning formal acting skills in a fun, low-pressure environment. Tuition is competitively priced, with family & couples discounts available.

This series is an excellent first step into the world of the theatre for those who wish to try acting for fun, and also a great stepping-stone for those that will want to continue on to a performance-oriented class.

Further information and registration is available online at MERLYN.BIZ, or by calling (204) 415-2714.

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