

## ABOUT THE COMPANY



Merlyn Productions is a live theatre production company in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Founded by Artistic Director John Chase, the company is committed to the mission of staging

*"quality theatrical entertainment at an affordable ticket price".*

Merlyn Productions has a cast and staff that dedicate time for the love of their chosen art form, and are committed to fostering live theatre in Winnipeg for performers and patrons alike.

We welcome performers from the greater community, who wish to **exercise their talents or develop their abilities** in a professional setting.

Our commitment to giving performers of **many different ages and skill levels** the opportunity to appear on stage fosters a situation whereby upcoming actors – and even first-timers – can hone and develop their craft working alongside seasoned professionals.

As part of this philosophy, many productions are cast through auditions open to the general public, and also offer opportunities to work in various departments "behind the scenes".

**If you would like to become involved** – whether as an actor, a crew member, or just someone with a few hours to hang posters in your area – by all means contact us, and we will be pleased to add you to our files.

## VENUE & TICKETS



Our **regular season\*** shows are staged at:

**THE ELLICE THEATRE**  
585 Ellice Ave (at Sherbrook)

For each performance, the Box Office opens one hour before show time, and the house opens a half-hour before show time. Payment for tickets is by cash or company cheque only.

**Reserving tickets in advance is free, and highly recommended.** To reserve, call (204) 415-2714 or visit [www.merlyn.biz](http://www.merlyn.biz).

*If you belong to a theatre-going group, society, or organisation, please call to enquire about discount rates for ten or more.*

\* **N.B.-** Performances in special events such as *The Winnipeg Fringe Festival* may take place at other venues, and/or be subject to different rules. This will be stated within the individual show listings.

## THE ELLICE CAFÉ

**"GO FOR DINNER — STAY FOR A SHOW!"**

The *Ellice Theatre* is adjoined to the *Ellice Café* restaurant, which features generous portions, and a good selection on its reasonably-priced menu.

Known collectively as the *Ellice Café & Theatre*, the complex is of excellent value to patrons who wish to enjoy a meal and a show in the course of an evening out on the town!



## CONTACT US

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Phone:** (204) 415-2714  
**E-Mail:** [info@merlyn.biz](mailto:info@merlyn.biz)  
**Web Site:** [www.merlyn.biz](http://www.merlyn.biz)

### TICKET RESERVATIONS

**By Phone:** (204) 415-2714  
**Online:** [www.merlyn.biz](http://www.merlyn.biz)

### STUDIO & MAILING ADDRESS \*

306 - 63 Albert St  
Winnipeg, MB R3B 1G4  
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\* **N.B.-** Merlyn Productions' Albert Street studio is for office administration, rehearsals, and postal mail, including résumés and headshots. **All performances** take place at *The Ellice Theatre*, or as otherwise noted.

## FRIENDS OF MERLYN



<http://www.fantasytheatre.net/>  
Winnipeg's oldest children's theatre,  
and theatre school for ages 7 - 70.



Chase & Hamill: **"THE CANADIAN ABBOTT & COSTELLO"**

<http://budandlou.winnipegstage.com/>  
Winnipeg's Abbott & Costello Impressionist Act

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LIVE THEATRE COMPANY

**2009 SEASON  
PLAYS & EVENTS**



**[www.merlyn.biz](http://www.merlyn.biz)**

## MARCH

*An Hour Of Comedy, featuring*

# BROTHERS IN ARMS

By Canadian  
Playwright  
**MERRILL  
DENISON**



*A DELIGHTFUL  
CANADIAN COMEDY  
of culture clash and  
crossed wires that occur  
when an uptight Army  
Major finds himself  
stranded with  
frontiersmen of the  
Ontario backwoods – and  
one all-too-helpful wife.*

*PRECEDED BY: An opening act of humorous  
monologues and skits on the joys, trials, and  
tribulations of marriage.*

Thursday, March 19 - 7:30 PM  
Friday, March 20 - 7:30 PM  
Saturday, March 21 - 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$9  
SENIORS (65+): \$7  
GROUP RESERVATIONS (10+): \$7

Geared for General Audiences;  
content suitable for ages 12 and up.

## APRIL

*Merlyn Productions and Chase & Hamill present...*

# HEY ABBOTT!

**A CLASSIC COMEDY TRIBUTE SHOW**



AN EVENT IN SUPPORT OF THE  
WINNIPEG FRINGE FESTIVAL — AS  
FEATURED ON WINNIPEGFRINGE.COM

Winnipeg's ABBOTT & COSTELLO impressionists and  
their wacky cast tribute the legendary comedy duo  
in this smash hit of the 2008 Winnipeg Fringe Festival...  
Returning for two days only!

When Bud and Lou accept a job offer in Las Vegas, they  
encounter multiple crazy characters. Zany antics ensue!

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY hour of sketch comedy, featuring  
"WHO'S ON FIRST" and many other old-time favourites.

Friday, April 24 - 7:30 PM  
Saturday, April 25 - 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$9  
SENIORS 65+, KIDS 12 & UNDER: \$7  
GROUP RESERVATIONS (10+): \$7

★★★★★ - Winnipeg Sun /★★★★★ - Winnipeg Free Press  
*Ranked a Top 10 Favourite of the 2008 Fringe by the Winnipeg Sun!*

## MAY

*An Evening of Comedy and Tragedy*



# SACRED BLOOD

By Zinaida Gippius  
Directed by  
John Chase

*Blood runs cold in the  
veins of a RUSALKA – the  
mermaid of Russian lore.*

*This moving drama tells  
the tale of one who  
forsakes her own kind to  
have a human soul ... and  
sacrifices everything to  
learn the meaning of love.*

*A boorish creditor wants  
his money today, a  
headstrong widow won't  
pay her late husband's  
debts until tomorrow, and  
one poor servant is caught  
in the middle...*

*A battle of the sexes may  
come to pistols in Chekhov's  
explosive Russian comedy!*

# THE BOOR

By Anton Chekhov  
Directed by  
Tony Frost

Friday, May 29 - 7:30 PM  
Saturday, May 30 - 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$9  
SENIORS (65+): \$7  
GROUP RESERVATIONS (10+): \$7

Geared for General Audiences; contains some  
Mature Content. Suitable for ages 14 and up.

## JULY

*AT THE WINNIPEG FRINGE...*



# The Valiant

By Holworthy Hall and Robert Middlemass

*Connecticut. 1921. Enigmatic murderer "James  
Dyke" has created a national stir in his  
determination not to reveal his true identity.*

*On the eve of his execution, a young girl arrives,  
holding out hope of discovering her long-missing  
brother... But can she still recognise him, even if it is?*

*Suspenseful, touching, and thoroughly human...  
With Artistic Director John Chase as James Dyke.*

**ALSO AT THE KIDSFRINGE...**

*For family entertainment in July, we recommend  
the Winnipeg Fringe Festival "KidsFringe", where  
our friends Chase & Hamill are producing a  
children's theatre play for ages 12 and under.*

\* Venues and Show Times to be announced  
online and via the Fringe Program in June. \*

## OCTOBER

*Merlyn Productions will close its 2009 Season in  
the month of October. Check back with us during the  
summer for this production's title and show times!*

**FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL (204) 415-2714 OR VISIT WWW.MERLYN.BIZ**