

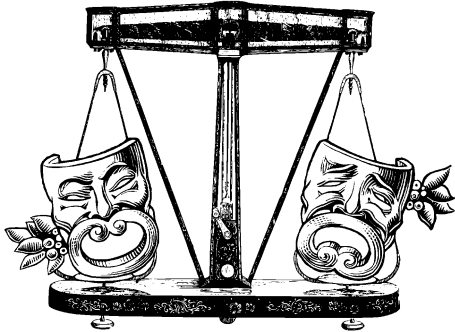


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## COMPANY NEWSLETTER

### ISSUE #12: OCTOBER 2011

### AN EVENING OF DRAMA



Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will present "**MORALITY PLAYS: An Evening of Drama**", October 19 to 22 at the Ellice Theatre.

This 90-minute programme marks the company's first TRIPLE-FEATURE, and stages three one-act plays that delve into "the grey area of morality":

#### **THE CURTAIN, by Hallie Flanagan Davis**

*Caught between love and the law, a young woman must decide if honesty is truly the best policy. They say the truth will set you free – but freedom can have dire consequences.*

#### **CONFESSIONAL, by Percival Wilde**

*Is a crime still a crime if nobody gets hurt? Is a lie still wrong if it benefits everyone? Would you still hold the same opinions if a lot of money was involved?*

#### **THE GAME, by Louise Bryant**

*Life and Death roll dice over two young artists planning suicide... Can a sudden chance at Love change their odds? After all, to Death, it's only a game.*

Whether it's the tension and suspense of "*The Curtain*", the explosive familial feud of "*Confessional*" or the fantastical conflict of "*The Game*", each plot poses a uniquely different situation – while solidly breaking the convention of having a defined good and evil. Rather than preach the definition of morality, this dramatic evening of theatre is constructed to empower reflection upon the difficult question of "the right thing to do".

Directing the programme is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE.

Featured in "*The Curtain*" are BRIAN DOUGHERTY, RENÉE HODGINS, MAKRENNIA STERDAN, DEAN DUNCAN, and KEN STONE; in "*Confessional*" are TIM BEAUDRY, JUDY ARNASON, IAN PETERS, BARBARA ZALESKI, and DAVID KING; in "*The Game*" are CAROLYNN PRIMEAU, KEVIN HAMILL, ERIC RAE, and ELIZABETH WHITBREAD.

Stage Managed by ANNA WOODWARD, with costumes by LEILA MARSTON and JENN HARDER.

Show times are 7:30 PM nightly, with an additional 2:00 PM matinée on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**For information and reservations  
call (204) 415-2714 or visit MERLYN.BIZ.**



### THE THEATRE SCHOOL

Time is running out to register for the Autumn & Winter session of the "**STAGE ONE: Adult Theatre**" class, beginning October 23, 2011!

Tuition is just \$310 (ages 18 to 55) for 17+ weeks.

Winter Term\* registrations for **JUNIOR ACTING** and **TEEN ACTING** classes are now open!

Tuition is just \$160 (ages 10 to 12) or \$180 (teen) for 10+ weeks, beginning January 7, 2012.

ALL STUDENTS PERFORM in a special Showcase at the Ellice Theatre in March 2012!

**Register online at MERLYN.BIZ  
or call (204) 415-2714.**

\* N.B.- Winter Term sign-ups are limited to available room in the existing classes. Currently, there are just three openings at each course level. Don't delay – register today!

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



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### STAFF OPENINGS

In August, Ms Leila Marston announced her intention to depart from the position of Wardrobe Mistress at the conclusion of the 2011 Season.

A replacement is being sought, and those with a passion for costuming are encouraged to review the open position description at MERLYN.BIZ.

### MERLYN MEMBER NEWS

Many members of *Merlyn Productions* fill diverse roles in the local arts community. We are pleased to highlight the following recent, newsworthy items:

- Welcome to new company members **JUDY ARNASON**, **BRIAN DOUGHERTY**, **DEAN DUNCAN**, **RENÉE HODGINS**, **ERIC RAE**, **MAKRENNIA STERDAN**, **KEN STONE**, **ELIZABETH WHITBREAD**, and **BARBARA ZALESKI**, who will be appearing onstage in our October programme, *"MORALITY PLAYS: An Evening of Drama"*.
- Welcome new company member **JENN HARDER** onto the Costume Crew, where she will be assisting with costuming the October production.
- **JESSE BOULET** and **MATTHEW STEFANSON** will reprise their roles in *"ROGUE COP"*, as *Matching Jackets* re-mounts this 2011 Winnipeg Fringe Festival hit October 13 to 15 at the Ellice Theatre.
- Congratulations to **SAM KOWALUK**, a graduate of *Dakota Collegiate*, on being invited back as Assistant Director of *"The Wizard of Oz"*, which is being presented by the school in December 2011.
- **KRIS DIAZ**, drama teacher at *Lord Selkirk R.C. Secondary School*, has announced *"OUR TOWN"* as this year's production, to be presented at the Selkirk, Manitoba school in December 2011.

### COMPANY STAFF

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
**JOHN CHASE**

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR  
**KEVIN HAMILL**

WARDROBE MISTRESS  
**LEILA MARSTON**

### SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

YOUTH THEATRE INSTRUCTOR  
**TONY FROST**

ADULT THEATRE INSTRUCTOR  
**JOHN CHASE**

### FAMOUS THEATRE QUOTE

*"The work of art may have a moral effect,  
but to demand moral purpose from the artist  
is to make him ruin his work."*

– JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

