



## COMPANY NEWSLETTER ISSUE #15: FRINGE 2012

### WINNIPEG FRINGE FESTIVAL

The WINNIPEG FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL is now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

This testament to live theatre in our city is one of the two largest events of its kind in North America, and truly offers something for everyone, with **173 shows** from around the world playing July 18 to 29.

We at *Merlyn Productions Theatre Company* are immensely pleased to have TWENTY-TWO members of our company working on SIX productions being presented in this year's festival (see Page 2 for details)!



### THE WORLD OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM

*Merlyn Productions Theatre Company* will present **"THE WORLD OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM"**, as adapted from *Grimm's Fairy Tales* by CAROLYN LANE.

*"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."*

This 50-minute play is geared for ages 12 and under, and is the only classic children's fairy tale scheduled to be presented at the Kids Venue this Summer.

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 co-produced Kids Fringe best-sellers *"Cinderella! Cinderella!"* (2009 Best of



Fest) and *"Snow White the Comedy"*.

Featured in the cast of local community theatre talents are BRIAN DOUGHERTY, NICHOLAS CURRY, CHRIS REID, NATALIE FITKOWSKY, TIM BEAUDRY, ANNA WOODWARD, DAVID KING, EV DARRACH, FAITH MARCIAL, and JORDAN HRYNKIW. The diverse ensemble is composed of ages twelve through senior, with several students and alumni of the **Winnipeg Theatre School**.

Stage managed by CRYSTAL HYDE. Scenic design by KEVIN HAMILL. Costume design by JENN HARDER.

KIDS VENUE - 211 Bannatyne Avenue (Crocus Building)  
Wed July 18, 6:00 PM \* Fri July 20, 4:15 PM  
Sun July 22, 12:30 PM \* Mon July 23, 11:00 AM  
Tue July 24, 6:00 PM \* Wed July 25, 2:15 PM  
Fri July 27, 12:30 PM \* Sat July 28, 2:15 PM

Tickets: \$9 / Discount Tickets: \$5 for Kids 12 & under, Fringe Volunteers, and Group Bookings of 10 or more.

**For further information and advance tickets, visit MERLYN.BIZ or call (204) 415-2714.**



### WINNIPEG THEATRE SCHOOL



The *Winnipeg Theatre School* (WTS) is now registering **ages 10 to 55** for for Autumn/Winter 2012!

With the credo that *"Some companies use professionals - we create them!"*, the theatre school offers performance-oriented training by local professionals, at some of the city's most competitive rates. ALL STUDENTS PERFORM live onstage at The Ellice Theatre in March 2013!

**Register today at THEATRESCHOOL.CA, or contact us by phone at (204) 415-2714.**

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#### MERLYN MEMBER NEWS

Many members of *Merlyn Productions* fill diverse roles in the local arts community.

We are pleased to highlight the following company members who are involved in other productions at the *Winnipeg Fringe Festival*:



- Also at the KIDS VENUE (School of Contemporary Dancers), *Knavish Hedgehog Productions* presents "*The Tempest*", directed by **ERIC RAE**.
- At VENUE #2 (MTC Up the Alley), *MegaKrenn* presents "*The Death Test*": written, directed, and performed by **MAKRENNA STERDAN**.
- Also at VENUE #2 (MTC Up the Alley), *Run Ragged Company* presents "*DAVES OF THEIR LIVES*", featuring **SARA ARENSEN** as Mandy Machello.
- At VENUE #9 (Shaw Performing Arts Centre), *Crosswalk Players* presents "*Cabaret*", directed by **MITCH KROHN** and featuring **ELIZABETH WHITBREAD** as Sally Bowles.
- At VENUE #28 (RAW: GALLERY), *LineaR Productions* presents "*The Distance Between Trees*", featuring **KEVIN HAMILL** as Muller Turton and **KRIS DIAZ** as Andrea. Assistant Directed by **CAROLYNN PRIMEAU**.

*Merlyn Productions* also offers its enthusiastic support to the following friends of our company:

- At VENUE #6 (MTC Warehouse), *R-G Productions* presents "*Shades of Grey*", written and directed by **RON BLICQ**.
- At VENUE #10 (Planetarium Auditorium), *Phoenix Productions* presents "*Murder at the Fringe*", and has the claim of being the only company in this year's festival that also performed at the very first Winnipeg Fringe in 1988 (and in the same venue)!

#### COMPANY STAFF

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
**JOHN CHASE**

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR  
**KEVIN HAMILL**

WARDROBE MISTRESS  
**JENN HARDER**

#### SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

YOUTH THEATRE INSTRUCTOR  
**TONY FROST**

ADULT THEATRE INSTRUCTOR  
**JOHN CHASE**

#### FAMOUS THEATRE QUOTE

*"Get your FRINGE on!"*

– THE THEME & MOTTO OF THE  
2012 WINNIPEG FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL



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