



PRESS RELEASE: "SACRED BLOOD AND THE BOOR" FOR MAY 2009

Merlyn Productions will present "**SACRED BLOOD and THE BOOR**" as a double-feature on May 29 & 30, 2009.

One-act plays "**SACRED BLOOD**" by Zinaida Gippius and "**THE BOOR**" by Anton Chekhov will be staged back-to-back, for an evening of Comedy & Tragedy. Both scripts are English adaptations of original Russian works.

"**SACRED BLOOD**", directed by Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE, is a mature drama that tells the story of a *rusalka* – a mermaid of Russian lore – who forsakes her own kind to have a human soul.

"**THE BOOR**", staged by respected Winnipeg director TONY FROST, is an explosively comical battle of the sexes between a boorish creditor who wants his money today, a head-strong widow that won't pay until tomorrow – and one poor servant caught in the middle!

Featured among the casts are Winnipeg theatre community talents JESSE BOULET, EVELYN CARRUTHERS, EVELYN DARRACH, EDWARD FINIGAN, KEVIN HAMILL, CAROLYN LUTES, LEILA MARSTON and BILL PATS.



TITLE: SACRED BLOOD and THE BOOR
VENUE: The Ellice Theatre – 585 Ellice Ave (at Sherbrook)
SHOW TIMES: Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30 at 7:30 PM
Matinée on Saturday, May 30 at 2:00 PM
TICKETS: General Admission - \$9.00 / Seniors (65+) - \$7.00
RESERVATIONS: By phone at (204) 415-2714 or online at MERLYN.BIZ
WARNINGS: Some mature content. Most suitable for patrons over 12.

Interviews, high-resolution publicity photos, and media comps are available upon request. If your organisation holds draws or contests, a pair of matinée tickets can be requested for give-away.

For further information, please contact *Merlyn Productions* at (204) 415-2714 or info@merlyn.biz.

Warm regards,
John Chase
Artistic Director

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About The Company

Merlyn Productions is a live theatre production company in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and the producer of performing arts community portal *WinnipegOnstage.com*. It is the successor to *C.G. Productions*, which staged plays locally from 1997 until 1999.

Founded by Artistic Director John Chase, the company is committed to the mission of staging "**quality theatrical entertainment at an affordable ticket price**".

We welcome performers of many ages and skill levels from the greater community into our cast and staff, who dedicate time for the love of their chosen art form, and are committed to fostering live theatre in Winnipeg.

For its 2009 Season, *Merlyn Productions* is presenting plays at the Ellice Theatre in the months of March, April, May, and October, as well as at the *Winnipeg Fringe Festival* in July.

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