



PRESS RELEASE: A ROMANTIC COMEDY FOR VALENTINE'S WEEK!

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will open its 2011 Season with **"Sunday Costs Five Pesos"** by Josephina Niggli, as part of an evening of romantic comedy for Valentine's week, playing February 16 to 19 at the Ellice Theatre.

Trouble brews in Old Mexico, when Fidel's wife-to-be Berta suspects a love triangle. A plot hatched by her meddling friends to fix the situation backfires, and the village erupts into hilarious mayhem.

This famous play was penned in 1937 by Josephina Niggli – thought to be the only Mexican-American woman with a theatre named after her – and once featured Bettie Page in its off-Broadway cast. The story is a timeless, classic comedy still certain to entertain, and being produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Preceding the feature play is an Opening Act of humorous scenes and monologues on the theme of love, marriage, and relationships.

Directing the programme is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE.

Featured in the cast of **"Sunday Costs Five Pesos"** are KEVIN HAMILL, RACHELL HODGINS, SARAH MICKOSKI, MEGEAN HABER, and JOHANNA REINBERG, with opening act players KIRSTEN WATTIS, MELISSA HIEBERT, SARA ARENSON, and other local talents to be announced. Stage Managed by ANNA WOODWARD, Costume Design by LEILA MARSTON and Fight Choreography by BILL PATS.



TITLE: SUNDAY COSTS FIVE PESOS, by Josephina Niggli
VENUE: The Ellice Theatre – 585 Ellice Ave (at Sherbrook)
SHOW TIMES: Wednesday, February 16 to Saturday, February 19 at 7:30 PM
Matinée on Saturday, February 19 at 2:00 PM
TICKETS: General Admission - \$10 / Seniors (65+) - \$7
RESERVATIONS: By phone at (204) 415-2714 or online at MERLYN.BIZ

Interviews 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. The company presents a full season of stage plays each year, and also offers periodic courses in the Performing Arts.

Merlyn Productions 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"***.

Performers of many ages and skill levels from the greater community are welcomed into its cast and staff, who dedicate time for the love of their art form, and are committed to fostering local live theatre.

The company is now producing its third consecutive season of plays at the Ellice Theatre, which has been regarded as its mainstage since moving into its current Exchange District studio in late 2008.

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