



PRESS RELEASE: "THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS" IN DECEMBER

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will present "**THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS (And What Alice Found There)**" as a holiday special for the whole family, December 7 to 10 at the Ellice Theatre.

This stage adaptation by JIM GEISEL runs approximately one hour, with synopsis as follows:

"Follow Alice through the looking-glass in Lewis Carroll's fantastical sequel to "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"!

"Logic is nonsense in this land of comic fantasy, with ordinary objects, people and events jumbled together with talking chess pieces, and creatures from fairy tales and folklore.

"This faithful adaptation keeps the Victorian charm and merriment by maintaining Carroll's scenes intact. Children will have the chance to meet Alice, the Red Queen, the White Queen, Humpty Dumpty, and all the other familiar characters after the play!"



Directing the play is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE. Mr Chase is a veteran of local theatre for young audiences, having worked as both cast and staff at *Fantasy Theatre for Children* for 20 seasons, and co-produced KidsFringe best-sellers "*Cinderella! Cinderella!*" and "*Snow White the Comedy*".

Featured in the cast are JUDY ARNASON, RACHELL HODGINS, ANNA WOODWARD, ANNA-LAURE KOOP, BRIAN DOUGHERTY, RYAN OFFENLOCH, TRENTON TRUDZIK, IAN PETERS, SAM KOWALUK, and CHRIS REID. Stage Managed by YVONNE GRENIER, scenic design by KEVIN HAMILL, and costume design by JENN HARDER.

The diverse local company includes members from throughout Winnipeg, as well as Steinbach, Teulon, La Salle, and Ile des Chênes, with performers ranging in age from 14 to adult.

TITLE: THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS (And What Alice Found There)
VENUE: The Ellice Theatre - 585 Ellice Ave (at Sherbrook)
SHOW TIMES: Wednesday, December 7 to Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 PM
Matinée on Saturday, December 10 at 2:00 PM
TICKETS: General Admission - \$10 / Children 12 & under, Seniors, Groups of 10+ - \$7
RESERVATIONS: Online at MERLYN.BIZ or by phone at (204) 415-2714

Interviews and a pair of matinée comps for contest give-away are available upon request.

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 that also operates a theatre school in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The company presents a full season of stage plays each year, and offers Autumn & Winter acting classes for children, teens, and adults.

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.