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PRESS RELEASE: THE BROTHERS GRIMM AT THE 2012 KIDS FRINGE

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will present ***THE WORLD OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM***, as adapted from *Grimm's Fairy Tales* by CAROLYN LANE, at the 2012 Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival, July 18 to 29.

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. Synopsis is as follows:

"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."

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 HRYNKIWI. The diverse ensemble is composed of ages twelve through senior, and includes several students and alumni of the ***Winnipeg Theatre School*** (WTS).

Stage managed by CRYSTAL HYDE, with scenic design by KEVIN HAMILL and costume design by JENN HARDER.



TITLE: THE WORLD OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM
VENUE: KIDS VENUE - 211 Bannatyne Avenue (in the Crocus Building).
SHOW TIMES: 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: General Admission - \$9.00 / Kids 12 & under, Fringe Volunteers - \$5.00
Pre-Booked Groups of 10 or More - \$5.00
ADVANCE TICKETS: (204) 942-6537 or WINNIPEGFRINGE.COM
* Advance tickets for some performances have sold out.

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 the *Winnipeg Theatre School* (WTS) in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The theatre company presents a full season of stage plays each year, while the theatre school offers acting classes for ages 10 to 55 in Autumn, Winter and Spring.

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 fourth 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.