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## PRESS RELEASE: A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL IN GIMLI, MB!

Winnipeg theatre company *Merlyn Productions* will re-mount its 2014 Master Playwright Festival romantic comedy hit "**A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL**" by ANTON CHEKHOV, August 28 to 30 at the A-Spire Theatre, as part of the Summer Theatre Season in Gimli, MB!

*"Love, marriage, and ... palpitations of the heart!?*  
*Tensions build (and so do the physical ailments!)*  
*as a stubborn suitor, a headstrong young lady,*  
*and one poor parent of the would-be bride clash comically!*  
*This will be the happy union of the irresistible object and the*  
*immovable force – if they manage not to kill one another first!"*



Playing on the same bill, fellow Winnipeg theatre company *R-G Productions* will present English family drama "**SKIRMISHES**" by award-winning playwright CATHERINE HAYES, for a drama & comedy DOUBLE-FEATURE totalling approximately 120 minutes in length.

This production is the companies' second joint-venture in Gimli, having previously presented "**CHOOSING HOME**" by RON BLICQ and "**SUPPRESSED DESIRES**" by SUSAN GLASPELL to excellent audience reception in 2011.

"**A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL**" is being re-mounted from the RMTTC's *ChekhovFest 2014* Master Playwright Festival, wherein *Merlyn Productions* presented four out of the seven one-act plays attributed to the famous Russian author.

Directing the play is *Merlyn Productions* Artistic Director JOHN CHASE, who has produced, directed, stage managed or acted in more than 110 productions to date, and initially studied Chekhov's comedy under prolific director/instructor TONY FROST in the 1990s.

Featured in the Proposal cast are returning actors BRIAN DOUGHERTY as Tschubukov and MITCH KROHN as Lomov, welcoming Ms HOPE FIGUEROA to the role of Natalia Stepanovna. Costume design by JENN TAPLIN. Properties by HEATHER FORGIE.

The *R-G Productions* cast features NANCY SLATER, DIANE ALEXANDER, and director HEATHER FORGIE.

**TITLE:** SKIRMISHES and A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL  
**VENUE:** A-Spire Theatre – 76 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave in Gimli, Manitoba  
**SHOW TIMES:** Friday, August 28 and Saturday August 29 at 8:00 PM  
Matinée Sunday, August 30 at 2:30 PM

**TICKETS:** General Admission - \$15.00  
**RESERVATIONS:** Telephone the A-Spire Theatre at 204-642-8079

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

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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 for both general & young audiences each year, while the theatre school offers acting classes for ages 10 to 55.

*Merlyn Productions* was founded by Artistic Director John Chase as the successor to *C.G. Productions*, which staged plays from 1997 to 1999. 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 *Winnipeg Theatre School* became part of the organisation in 2011. With the motto that “*some companies use professionals – we create them*”, its 30-year-old brand came from *Fantasy Theatre for Children* and *The Theatre School*, to continue in FTC's tradition of quality training for all ages.

The company is currently producing its seventh consecutive season of plays for 2015, and performs at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre inside 285 Pembina as its mainstage venue.