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## PRESS RELEASE: SLEEPING BEAUTY FOR OCTOBER 2015

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will awaken "**SLEEPING BEAUTY**", as adapted by RICHARD DAVIS, JR., October 21 to 25 at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre. This will be the first children's theatre production of the classic tale staged in Winnipeg since 2001!

*"King August and Queen Summer are holding a delightful gathering for their new baby, Princess Aurora."*

*"Angry at not being invited, the evil fairy Maleficent places a curse on the beautiful child. When Aurora turns 16, she will cut her finger on a spindle and must sleep for 100 years, until a true love breaks the spell by kissing her awake."*



*"With help from two good but somewhat-ditzy fairy storytellers and Prince Charming's cowardly assistant Hero, all ends happily in this humour-filled adaptation of the classic fairy tale!"*

This production runs approximately 50 minutes, and is geared for ages 3 and up. Children can meet Sleeping Beauty, Prince Charming, and their other favourite characters in the lobby after the performance.

Directing the play is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE. Mr Chase is a veteran of theatre for young audiences, having served as cast and staff at *Fantasy Theatre for Children* for 20 seasons, and produced classic children's theatre titles for the past six years.

Featured in the all-Manitoba cast are JORDAN HRYNKIW, FAITH MARCIAL, TOM E. YOUNG, ERIN-BRIE WARWICK, HANNAH DOERKSEN, CORA FAST, TOM PACHAL, and DANIEL GILMOUR. Stage managed by SARAH FLYNN and YVONNE GRENIER. Scenic & lighting design by DARRYL AUDETTE. Properties by HEATHER FORGIE. Scenic carpentry by BRIAN DOUGHERTY.

**TITLE:** SLEEPING BEAUTY  
**VENUE:** Forrest Nickerson Theatre - 285 Pembina Hwy (South of Confusion Corner)  
**SHOW TIMES:** Wednesday, October 21 & Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 PM  
Friday, October 23 at 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM  
Saturday, October 24 & Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 PM  
**TICKETS:** General Admission - \$10.00 / Group rates available for 10 or more.  
**RESERVATIONS:** Online at MERLYN.BIZ or by phone at 204-415-2714

**Interviews and comps for contest give-away are available upon request.**

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. Each year, the theatre company presents a full season of stage plays for both general & young audiences, 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 35-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.