



PRESS RELEASE: "BROTHERS GRIMM" RETURNS TO FRINGE!

The children's theatre hit that SOLD OUT four performances in 2012 returns to Kids Fringe!

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will present **"THE WORLD OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM"**, as adapted from *Grimm's Fairy Tales* by CAROLYN LANE, July 14 to 23 at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival KIDS VENUE.

"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."

This 55-minute play is geared for "everyone" ages 3 and up, from the producer of 'Puss in Boots', 'Ming Lee', 'Snow White', and 'Sleeping Beauty'!

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 in Winnipeg for the past eight years – including multiple Kids Fringe best-sellers.

The all-local cast of fourteen is composed of ages ten through senior, and includes several students and alumni of the *Winnipeg Theatre School*. Featuring BRIAN DOUGHERTY, BEN MCMAHON, CHRIS REID, NATALIE FITKOWSKY, TIM BEAUDRY, HEATHER FORGIE, VIC UNRUH, ALISON KOLISNYK, LEXIE DUBOIS, JENSEN GLOVER, JORDAN PHILLIPS, CAMILLA OPIDA, FILIP PETROVSKI, and XIMON WEBSTER. Stage managed by KEN STONE. Costumed by KAITLIN KLASSEN.



TITLE: THE WORLD OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM
VENUE: KIDS VENUE - Shaw Performing Arts Centre (2 Forks Market Rd)
SHOW TIMES: Thu July 14, 12:30 PM Fri July 15, 6:30 PM Sat July 16, 3:30 PM
Mon July 18, 11:00 AM Tue July 19, 2:00 PM
Thu July 21 at 3:30 PM Fri July 22, 6:30 PM Sat July 23, 2:00 PM
TICKETS: General Admission - \$10.00 / Kids 12 & under, Fringe Volunteers - \$5.00
Group rates available for 10 or more.
ADVANCE TICKETS: WINNIPEGFRINGE.COM

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 eighth consecutive season of plays for 2016, and performs at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre inside 285 Pembina as its mainstage venue.