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## PRESS RELEASE: A THOUSAND TALES FOR WINTER BREAK!

*Merlyn Productions Theatre Company* will present "*WIND OF A THOUSAND TALES*" by JOHN GLORE for Winter Break, December 26 to 30 at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre (285 Pembina Hwy).

This returning favourite will be the ideal holiday play for the entire family: featuring three classic folk-tales beautifully enacted by a large ensemble cast, and a charming musical score.

"Kimberly-Kay is a practical, no-nonsense kid. When her mother comes to tell her a bedtime story, she scoffs and looks for her encyclopaedia instead. That's when the Wind of a Thousand Tales



blows in, and carries her away to the land of Nowhere! The Breezes tell stories from Mexico, Japan, and Europe, helping Kimberly-Kay discover a deeper sense of truth than she had found in a world without make-believe."

This show is geared for the whole family, and runs approximately 75 minutes.

Directing the play is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE, who has produced, directed, stage managed or acted in more than 120 local productions, and served as cast and staff at *Fantasy Theatre for Children* for 20 seasons.

The cast of eighteen Manitoba community theatre talents ranges in age from child to senior: featuring 12-year-old *Winnipeg Theatre School* student LEXIE DUBOIS as Kimberly-Kay, and an ensemble composed of KENDRA BAUER, BRENT BRUCHANSKI, CORA FAST, HEATHER FORGIE, DANIEL GILMOUR, JENSEN GLOVER, ROBERT HEWITT KING, ALISON KOLISNYK, ARIEL LEO, SANDY MARIE, LINDA MCNEILL, DAKOTA NICKELS, CARA ROBINSON, TIM SAYEAU, AL SHPELLER, CHRYSTAL VEROBA, and MARK WALL.

Stage managed by MARGARET KEAST. Original scenic design by FANTASY THEATRE FOR CHILDREN.

TITLE:	WIND OF A THOUSAND TALES
VENUE:	Forrest Nickerson Theatre – 285 Pembina Hwy (South of Confusion Corner)
SHOW TIMES:	Tuesday, December 26 at 1:30 PM Wednesday, December 27 to Friday, December 29 at 7:00 PM Saturday, December 30 at 1:30 PM
TICKETS:	General Admission - \$12 / Group rates available for 10 or more.
<b>RESERVATIONS:</b>	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 producing its ninth consecutive season of plays for 2017, and performs at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre inside 285 Pembina as its mainstage venue.