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~ Now celebrating 10 seasons of local live theatre! ~

PRESS RELEASE: "PUSS IN BOOTS" **RETURNS TO WINNIPEG FRINGE!**

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will present "**PUSS IN BOOTS**", as adapted by NOAH SMITH from the Charles Perrault classic, at the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival, July 19 to 29.

"The Fringe hit returns! This comical adaptation of 'PUSS IN BOOTS' stays true to the ideas of the classic TAIL, with plenty of new laughs for the whole family!

"Filled with AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION, every young play-goer helps defeat the town ogre before a poor miller's son can marry his princess — all masterminded by a talking cat, of course!



"The 2014 run played to packed houses. Book your tickets right meow!"

Running approximately 55 minutes and geared for ages 3 and up, this show is the **only** classic children's theatre fairy tale in the 2018 Winnipeg Fringe — as well as a returning hit from the 2014 festival, where it played to more than 100 patrons at every 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 in Winnipeg for the past ten years.

Featured in the cast of eleven Manitoba talents are *Winnipeg Theatre School* alumna JORDAN HRYNKIWI returning to the title role, KEN STONE returning as the King, CRYSTAL VEROBA as the Queen, DANIEL GILMOUR returning as the Ogre, EZRA ENNS as Guy, and KYLEE KOLESAR as Princess Genevieve, with KRISSADIE ARMSTRONG, ALISON KOLISNYK, SANDY MARIE, TIM SAYEAU and AVERY WOLCHUK. The diverse ensemble is composed of ages eleven through adult, including several WTS students and alumni. Stage managed by MARGARET KEAST. Costume design by KAITLIN KLASSEN. Properties by HEATHER FORGIE.

TITLE: PUSS IN BOOTS
VENUE: VENUE #9 – School of Contemporary Dancers (Crocus Building, 211 Bannatyne)
** Babes in arms permitted. **

SHOW TIMES: Thu July 19, 12:00 PM Fri July 20, 7:15 PM Sun July 22, 12:00 PM
Tue July 24, 7:00 PM Wed July 25, 12:00 PM
Thu July 26 at 12:00 PM Sun July 29, 5:15 PM

ADMISSION: \$10.00 / \$8.00 for Kids 12 & under and Fringe Volunteers
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

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Dedicated to creating "*the magic of live theatre for all ages*", the company now celebrates **10 seasons** of staging quality theatrical entertainment for general & family audiences, while the theatre school offers performance-oriented acting classes for children, teens, and adults.

Merlyn Productions was founded by Artistic Director John Chase, who began producing local theatre in 1997. 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 performs at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre inside 285 Pembina as its mainstage venue throughout the rest of the year.

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