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## PRESS RELEASE: "THE BEGGAR AND THE WOLF" FOR WINTER BREAK!

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will present **"THE BEGGAR AND THE WOLF"** by Patrick Rainville Dorn as a hilarious holiday play for the WHOLE FAMILY, December 26 to 30 at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre (285 Pembina).

*"This comical re-imagining of the 13th century folk-tale is loaded with outrageous puns, slapstick humour, and quirky characters.*

*"When the medieval town of Gubbio is stalked by a lone wolf, the entire population is afraid to move about. Facing the horrifying prospect of becoming poor and hungry (and even stinky, since they fear drawing water from the well to bathe), the mayor fetches Francesco: a holy beggar from the village of Assisi, who is reputed to have a wondrous way with animals.*

*"The antics that ensue for survival unite young and old, rich and poor, with a heart-warming message of human togetherness for the holidays."*

Directing the play is Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE, who has produced, directed, stage managed or acted in more than 125 local productions, and served as cast and staff at *Fantasy Theatre for Children* for 20 seasons.

The cast of 18 local talents is composed of ages nine through senior, and includes multiple alumni of the *Winnipeg Theatre School*: featuring DANIEL GILMOUR, MADDIE DUBOIS, JENSEN GLOVER, KRISADIE ARMSTRONG, LEXIE DUBOIS, MOLLY HELMER, ISAIAH SUDLOW, LAUREL FIFE, JORDAN PHILLIPS, TIM SAYEAU, CHANTAL BEST, SANDY MARIE, ARDYTH JOHNSON, RACHEL COLL, ALISON KOLISNYK, ROBERT HEWITT KING, KENDRA BAUER, and BROOKE MUNFORD. Stage managed by STEPH BLANCHETTE. Costumes by KAITLIN KLASSEN. Properties by HEATHER FORGIE.

<b>TITLE:</b>	THE BEGGAR AND THE WOLF
<b>VENUE:</b>	Forrest Nickerson Theatre – 285 Pembina (South of Confusion Corner) * Wheelchair Accessible * Babes in arms permitted. *
<b>SHOW TIMES:</b>	Wednesday, December 26 to Friday, December 28 at 7:00 PM Saturday, December 29 & Sunday, December 30 at 1:30 PM
<b>TICKETS:</b>	\$12 / Group Rates Available for 10 or more. Reserve online at MERLYN.BIZ or by phone at 204-415-2714.

For further information, please contact *Merlyn Productions* at 204-415-2714 or [info@merlyn.biz](mailto:info@merlyn.biz).



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### **About The Company**

*Merlyn Productions* is a live theatre company that carries a legacy of classic children's theatre in Manitoba, and also operates the *Winnipeg Theatre School*.

Dedicated to creating "*the magic of live theatre for all ages*", the company celebrates **10 seasons** of staging quality theatrical entertainment for general & family audiences, while the theatre school offers performance-orientated 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, after its first 30 years of operation as *The Theatre School at Fantasy Theatre for Children*. With the motto that "*some companies use professionals — we create them*", its instructors 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 regular season.