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PRESS RELEASE: "ALADDIN" AT THE 2019 WINNIPEG FRINGE!

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will present "**ALADDIN**" at the 2019 Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival, July 18 to 28.

"Join the exciting adventures of ALADDIN, in this unique and engaging presentation of the classic tale!

"Filled with humour and AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION, every young play-goer helps Aladdin win the hand of the princess, defeat the evil magician, and bring wealth to his family — along with the famous magic lamp!"

"A revival of a local Fantasy Theatre for Children favourite, from the producer of Puss in Boots (★★★★ 2018), Snow White, Brothers Grimm and many more."



Running 1 hour and geared for ages 3 and up, this rendition has delighted young audiences for decades, and saw its last Winnipeg Fringe Festival run in 2001!

"It's the classic tale faithfully told, but in a surprisingly unique way", says Merlyn Productions Artistic Director JOHN CHASE, who served as cast and staff at *Fantasy Theatre for Children* for 20 seasons, and has produced children's theatre in Winnipeg for the past decade. "We first meet a family of travellers who decide to put on a play. With a little imagination – and a lot of costume changes – our players become all the characters in Aladdin's story, often engaging the audience for help along the way."

Featured in the cast of six Manitoba talents are AL SHPELLER, SANDY MARIE, JORDAN HRYNKIW, MILOŠ SIMKULET, BRAD SIMKULET, and ISIAH SUDLOW. Ranging in age from 15 to adult, the ensemble is composed largely of students & alumni of the *Winnipeg Theatre School*. Stage managed by MARGARET KEAST and BRONTĚ SIMKULET. Costume design by KAITLIN KLASSEN. Properties by HEATHER FORGIE.

TITLE: ALADDIN
VENUE: VENUE #9 – School of Contemporary Dancers (McKim Building, 211 Bannatyne)
** Babes in arms permitted. **

SHOW TIMES: Thu July 18, 1:30 PM Fri July 19, 12:00 PM Sat July 20, 1:45 PM
Sun July 21, 1:45 PM Mon July 22, 12:00 PM Wed July 24, 1:45 PM
Fri July 26 at 3:45 PM Sun July 28, 3:30 PM

ADMISSION: \$12 In Advance / \$10 At-The-Door
ADVANCE TICKETS: WinnipegFringe.com

For further information, please contact *Merlyn Productions* at 204-415-2714 or info@merlyn.biz.

"The Magic of Live Theatre ... for all ages!"



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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 recently celebrated **10 seasons** of staging quality theatrical entertainment for general & family audiences!

The *Winnipeg Theatre School* is one of the city's three oldest operating acting schools, offering performance-orientated training to children, teens, and adults. It became part of the organisation in 2011, after 30 years of operation as *The Theatre School at Fantasy Theatre for Children*.

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 company performs at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre inside 285 Pembina as its mainstage venue throughout the rest of the year.