

MEDIA RELEASE

Soulpepper presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Toronto, ON – January 18th, 2011 – **Albert Schultz**, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company, today announced that the company's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, part of the Soulpepper Family Series, will preview on February 17, 2011 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts.

In one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, it's love in a forest complicated by meddling fairies, a hapless troupe of amateur actors, the Athenian court and love itself.

Rick Roberts, an accomplished playwright, actor and director (*4:48 Psychosis, Fish/Wife, Kite*) makes his Soulpepper directorial debut with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Roberts will direct an outstanding cast that includes **Trish Lindström** as Titania & Hippolyta, **Gregory Prest** as Puck, **Abena Malika** as **Hermia**, **Brendan Wall** as **Demetrius**, **Mike Ross** as **Lysander**, **Karen Rae** as **Helena**, **Oliver Dennis** as **Bottom**, Founding members **William Webster** as **Snug** and **Michael Hanrahan** as **Quince**, **Derek Boyes** as **Starveling**, **Michael Simpson** as **Flute**, **John Jarvis** as **Snout**, **Ins Choi** as **Oberon & Theseus**, **Jason Patrick Rothery** as **Philostrate**, **Tatjana Cornij** as **First Fairy** as well as **Ken Mackenzie** and **Douglas John Alan**. The set and costume design is by **Ken Mackenzie**, the lighting design by **Lorenzo Savoini** and music direction by **Mike Ross**.

A Midsummer Night's Dream previews February 17, 2011 and opens February 23, 2011 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, located at 55 Mill Street, Building 49, in the Distillery Historic District. Tickets range from \$28 - \$60 (plus HST) and are available by calling the Young Centre box office at 416.866.8666 or by visiting soulpepper.ca. \$22 tickets are available for 21-30 year-olds at www.stageplay.ca. StagePlay is sponsored by TD Bank Financial Group.

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Soulpepper Theatre Company is an artist-founded, classical repertory theatre company with a three-tiered mandate: to present the world's greatest stories in vital Canadian interpretations; to train a new generation of theatre artists; and to inspire and enrich youth through mentorship and access programs.