

MEDIA RELEASE

Soulpepper reprises its Dora Award-Winning production of *Our Town* directed by Joseph Ziegler

Toronto, ON – March 9, 2011 – **Albert Schultz**, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company, today announced that the company's production of *Our Town* will preview on April 7 and open on April 13, 2011 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts.

Soulpepper's beloved version of Thornton Wilder's masterpiece *Our Town* not only won the Dora for Best Production in 2006 but was the first play to be performed in the Young Centre for the Performing Arts and seems only fitting it be a part of Soulpepper's largest season to date. *Our Town* reminds us to make the most of life's every blessing through the lives, loves and losses of the Gibbs and Webb families. Wilder's gentle, humorous and poetic theatrical meditation takes us to the community of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, where the simplest acts can leave the greatest impressions. *Our Town* had its New York City debut at the Henry Miller's Theatre in 1938 the same year Wilder won the Pulitzer Prize for this poignant play.

Founding member **Joseph Ziegler** directs a stellar cast that includes **Douglas John Alan, Diana Bentley, Derek Boyes, Kevin Bundy, Owen Cumming, Oliver Dennis, Michael Hanrahan, John Jarvis, Jeff Lillico, Toby Malone, Diego Matamoros, Dominique Matamoros, Nancy Palk, Krystin Pellerin, Brenda Robins, Albert Schultz, Michael Simpson, Jane Spidell, Charles Vandervaart & William Webster.**

Our Town previews April 7, 2011 and opens April 13, 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 - \$65 (plus HST) and are available by calling the Young Centre box office at 416.866.8666 or by visiting www.soulpepper.ca. \$22 tickets are available for 21-30 year-olds at www.stageplay.ca. StagePlay is sponsored by TD Bank Financial Group.

The production sponsor for *Our Town* is Polar Securities Inc. 2011 Soulpepper Lead Sponsors are: Sun Life Financial, Scotiabank Group and TELUS. Soulpepper gratefully acknowledges annual operating support from the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, and the Toronto Arts Council.

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.