

MEDIA RELEASE

Soulpepper's 2011 Summer Season

Toronto, ON – June 23, 2011: Albert Schultz, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company, today announced the six shows comprising Soulpepper's summer season: *The Glass Menagerie*, *The Kreutzer Sonata*, *Exit the King*, *White Biting Dog*, *The Price*, and *Billy Bishop Goes to War*. The summer season runs from July to September, 2011, at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts.

The Glass Menagerie

The Glass Menagerie is Tennessee Williams' first major work and one of the most iconic plays of the last century. Produced by Soulpepper for the first time, *The Glass Menagerie* is directed by Ted Dykstra, featuring Stuart Hughes, Jeff Lillico and Nancy Palk, with Gemma James-Smith in her Soulpepper debut.

Previews begin July 1, 2011; Opens on July 6, 2011

Production sponsor: Ernst & Young

The Kreutzer Sonata

Part of Soulpepper's One-Act Play series, *The Kreutzer Sonata* is adapted, directed, and performed by Soulpepper Founding Member Ted Dykstra. This acclaimed adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's novella, originally commissioned and produced for the Art of Time Ensemble, is an unflinching view of marriage, hatred, and sexual jealousy, inspired by Beethoven's Kreutzer Sonata.

Previews begin July 12, 2011; Opens on July 15, 2011

Exit the King

Soulpepper's Oliver Dennis, in his 47th production with the company, is King Berenger in Eugène Ionesco's *Exit the King*, adapted by Neil Armfield and Geoffrey Rush. *Exit the King* is directed by Albert Schultz, featuring Derek Boyes, Oliver Dennis, Trish Lindström, Brenda Robins, Karen Rae, and William Webster.

Previews begin August 6, 2011; Opens on August 16, 2011

Generously supported by: Eli and Phil Taylor

White Biting Dog

Judith Thompson is one of Canada's finest and most prolific playwrights, with a signature style that cuts directly to the grittiest elements of society. Her *White Biting Dog* is now considered one of the great Toronto plays. This production is directed by Soulpepper Founding Member Nancy Palk (in her Soulpepper directorial debut) featuring Gregory Prest, Fiona Reid, Mike Ross, Michaela Washburn, and Joseph Ziegler.

Previews begin August 13, 2011; Opens on August 18, 2011

Generously supported by: Top Women

The Price

Arthur Miller's engrossing drama examines the repercussions of life decisions and the price that every family pays. *The Price* is directed by Diana Leblanc, featuring David Fox in his Soulpepper debut, with Michael Hanrahan, Stuart Hughes, and Jane Spidell.

Previews begin August 29, 2011; Opens on September 2, 2011

Production sponsor: MacDougall, MacDougall & MacTier Inc.

Billy Bishop Goes to War

As previously announced, Eric Peterson and John Gray have returned to Soulpepper for the third time, and in their fifth decade of collaboration, for the critically-acclaimed *Billy Bishop Goes to War*.

On stage now

Production sponsor: Middlefield Resource Funds

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Soulpepper Theatre Company is located in the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, 55 Mill Street, Building 49, in the Distillery Historic District. **Tickets for *The Glass Menagerie*, *Exit the King*, *White Biting Dog*, *The Price*, and *Billy Bishop Goes to War* range from \$28 - \$65 (plus HST), and tickets for *The Kreutzer Sonata* range from \$25-\$35 (plus HST).** Tickets 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.

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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.

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Summer season video interview with Albert Schultz:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOMnLQmQYi8&feature=channel_video_title