

MEDIA RELEASE

Soulpepper's 2011 Fall Season

Toronto, ON – September 6, 2011: Soulpepper Theatre Company opens three shows this fall to conclude its 2011 season, *The Odd Couple*, *Ghosts* and *Parfumerie*. The new lineup includes two celebrated remounts — the enduring antics of *The Odd Couple* and the romance of *Parfumerie* — plus a sharp, new adaption by Morris Panych of Ibsen's *Ghosts*. Soulpepper's fall season runs from September 22 to December 31 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts.

Continuing summer season productions include: *The Glass Menagerie* until September 6; *Exit the King* until September 9; *Billy Bishop Goes to War* until September 17; and *White Biting Dog* until October 21. Eric Peterson and John Gray's classic production of *Billy Bishop Goes to War* also makes its cinematic debut this month at the Toronto International Film Festival, with public screenings at TIFF on September 15 and 18.

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The Odd Couple

A hit at Soulpepper in 2008, *The Odd Couple* returns to the stage with the original cast in leading roles. Neil Simon's legendary exploration of the relationship between fastidious Felix and his sloppy roommate Oscar is one of the most iconic and enduring pieces of twentieth century American comedy. This production features Diego Matamoros as Felix and Albert Schultz as Oscar with Derek Boyes, Kevin Bundy, Oliver Dennis, Raquel Duffy, Michael Hanrahan and Michelle Monteith.

The Odd Couple is directed by Stuart Hughes.

Runs from September 22 - November 19. Opening night is September 23.

Production sponsor: Herzig Eye Institute

Ghosts

With its frank discussion of relationships, morality, and family values, Henrik Ibsen's masterpiece caused a sensation on its debut in 1882. In Morris Panych's vital new translation, the ghosts that haunt the lives of a family's shattered glory are as haunting and provocative as ever. *Ghosts* is directed by Morris Panych and features three Founding Members, Diego Matamoros, Nancy Palk and Joseph Ziegler, with Michelle Monteith and Gregory Prest.

Runs from October 10 - November 18. Opening night is October 14.

Production sponsor: CIBC

Parfumerie

Another Soulpepper favourite returns for the holidays. Adam Pettle and Brenda Robins' adaptation about two clerks in a Budapest perfume shop who feud by day and unknowingly exchange anonymous love letters by night is one of the world's most beloved stories. Soulpepper's *Parfumerie* received the **2010 Dora Award for Outstanding Production**. *Parfumerie* is directed by Morris Panych and features Maev Beaty, Stacey Bulmer, Kevin Bundy, Oliver Dennis, Patricia Fagan, Jeff Lillico, Miranda Mulholland, Brenda Robins, Mike Ross, Michael Simpson, Kristina Uranowski, William Webster and Joseph Ziegler.

Runs from December 8 - December 31. Opening night is December 8.

Production sponsor: National Bank Financial Group

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 Odd Couple*, *Ghosts* and *Parfumerie* range from \$28 - \$65 (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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