

MEDIA RELEASE

Eric Peterson makes his Soulpepper debut in Glengarry Glen Ross

Toronto, ON – March 4, 2009 – Albert Schultz, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company, today announced the company's second offering in its 2009 season. David Mamet's scorching examination of Reagan-era America, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Glengarry Glen Ross*, bursts onto the stage at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts from April 2 – May 9, 2009.

In Mamet's snapshot of the cut-throat world of real estate, a group of salesmen scramble to lie, cheat and steal their way to the top. In this desperate game of survival, insults and accusations fly in the rhythmic, colloquial style that is Mamet's signature.

Glengarry Glen Ross is inspired by Mamet's experiences working in a Chicago real estate office during the late 1960's. Mamet dedicated the play to celebrated dramatist Harold Pinter. The show had its world premiere in 1983 at The Cottesloe Theatre in London, England, to much critical acclaim. *Glengarry* then went on to win the Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Play (1983), Pulitzer Prize for Drama (1984), Drama Desk Award Outstanding Revival of a Play (2005), and Tony Award for Best Revival of a Play (2005). A film adaptation of *Glengarry* was released in 1992 with a star-studded cast, including, Jack Lemmon, Kevin Spacey, Ed Harris, Alan Arkin and Al Pacino.

David Storch directs a stellar cast of theatre artists, featuring Eric Peterson – in his Soulpepper debut – as Shelley Levene, Jordan Pettle as John Williamson, Peter Donaldson as Dave Moss, Founding Member William Webster as George Aaranow, Founding Artistic Director Albert Schultz as Richard Roma, Kevin Bundy as James Lingk, and Soulpepper Academy Graduate Stephen Guy-McGrath as Baylen.

Previewing April 2, 2009, *Glengarry Glen Ross* opens April 7 and runs until May 9 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, located at 55 Mill Street, Building 49, in the Distillery Historic District. Tickets range from \$28 – \$68 and are available by calling the Young Centre box office at 416.866.8666 or by visiting soulpepper.ca.

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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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