

MEDIA RELEASE

Soulpepper presents John Murrell's Waiting for the Parade

Toronto, ON – April 5, 2010 – **Albert Schultz**, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company, today announced that the company's production of *Waiting for the Parade* will run May 1 - May 29, 2010, at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts.

One of our country's most enduring and best-loved plays, *Waiting for the Parade* explores the lives and loves of five Canadian women on the home front during WWII. Through these five characters: Catherine, Margaret, Janet, Eve and Marta, John Murrell explores the secrets, tensions, struggles and quiet unsung heroism of these women who kept "the home fires burning." *Waiting for the Parade* won a Chalmer's Best Play Award and in 2008, Murrell was honoured with the Governor General's Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award.

Soulpepper founding member **Joseph Ziegler** directs **Fiona Byrne** (*Shaw Festival*) and **Michelle Monteith** in their Soulpepper debuts, as well as **Krystin Pellerin**, **Deborah Drakeford** and founding member **Nancy Palk**. Musical director is **Mike Ross**.

Waiting for the Parade previews May 1, 2010, opens May 5, and runs until May 29 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, located at 55 Mill Street, Building 49, in the Distillery Historic District. Tickets range from \$29 - \$70 and are available by calling the Young Centre box office at 416.866.8666 or by visiting www.soulpepper.ca. \$20 tickets are available for 21-30 year-olds at www.stageplay.ca. StagePlay is sponsored by TD Bank Financial Group.

This production is sponsored by TOP WOMEN. TOP WOMEN members donate \$1000 each to collectively support one Soulpepper production annually. 2010 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.

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