

MEDIA RELEASE

Billy Bishop Goes to Calgary & Montreal in 2011

Toronto, ON – May 18, 2010 – **Albert Schultz**, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company, today announced that the company's highly successful production of the Canadian classic *Billy Bishop Goes to War* starring its creators, **John Gray** and **Eric Peterson**, and directed by Soulpepper founding member **Ted Dykstra** will be presented by Theatre Calgary and One Yellow Rabbit Performance Theatre as part of the 25th Annual High Performance Rodeo, Calgary's International Festival of the Arts in January 2011. Soulpepper's production of *Billy Bishop* will then travel on to Montreal in February 2011 as part of Segal Centre for Performing Arts 2010/2011 season.

Soulpepper's 2009 presentation of *Billy Bishop Goes to War* was widely critically acclaimed and was lauded as a hit of the 2009 theatre season by *Eye Weekly*, *The Globe and Mail*, *The National Post*, *Toronto Star*, and the *Toronto Sun*. *Billy Bishop* was brought back to the Soulpepper stage to open the 2010 season to sold-out houses and critical acclaim once again.

"Thirty years on, *Billy Bishop* still soars" *The Globe and Mail*

"Better than ever ... this show is not to be missed" *Toronto Star*

"*Billy Bishop Goes to War* changed my life ... Ted Dykstra's production is perfection"

NOW Magazine

"Peterson aces *Billy Bishop*" *Toronto Sun*

Soulpepper's production of *Billy Bishop Goes to War* presented by Theatre Calgary and One Yellow Rabbit Performance Theatre runs January 18 - January 22, 2011 as part of the 25th Annual High Performance Rodeo in Calgary Alberta and at the Segal Centre for Performing Arts in Montreal Quebec from February 13 - March 6, 2011.

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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