

MEDIA RELEASE

Soulpepper presents David French's Jitters

Toronto, ON – June 2, 2010 – **Albert Schultz**, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company, today announced that the company's production of David French's *Jitters* will run June 24 - July 24, 2010, at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts.

Inspired by the nerves and mishaps of playwright David French's own opening night experiences, *Jitters* is one of the funniest backstage comedies ever written. With a cast that includes a fading Broadway star who can't get along with her leading man to a novice playwright trying to make a name for himself, this play-within-a-play of comic catastrophes considers the state of Canadian culture and the lives of its frontline practitioners with raucous humour and humanity. *Jitters* premiered at Tarragon Theatre in 1979 and since then has been produced around the world in over 100 productions.

Soulpepper Founding member **Ted Dykstra** directs **Kevin Bundy, Diane D'Aquila, Oliver Dennis, C. David Johnson, Abena Malika, Jordan Pettle, Noah Reid, Mike Ross, and Sarah Wilson** in this laugh-out-loud comedy. Due to an injury, **Kenneth Welsh** is unable to perform as previously announced.

Jitters previews June 24, 2010, opens June 30, and runs until July 24, 2010 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 soulpepper.ca. \$20 tickets are available for 21-30 year-olds at stageplay.ca. StagePlay is sponsored by TD Bank Financial Group. Ticket prices to performances on and after July 1st will increase by 8% due to the implementation of the HST.

Jitters is sponsored by Herzig Eye Institute. 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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Soulpepper's Production images for *Jitters* will be available to download by June 30, 2010:

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