

MEDIA RELEASE

Soulpepper presents *A Month in the Country*

Toronto, ON – June 9, 2010 – **Albert Schultz**, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company, today announced that the company's production of *A Month in the Country* will run July 6 - August 7, 2010, at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts.

Hungarian master director **László Marton** returns to Soulpepper to direct one of the masterpieces of Russian literature which is newly adapted by Soulpepper Founding Member **Susan Coyne** (*Kingfisher Days*, *Slings and Arrows*) and **Mr. Marton**, who co-adapted Soulpepper's award-winning *Platonov* in 1999. *A Month in the Country* is a richly textured, love-filled comedy where the magic of a summer holiday turns several hearts upside-down. Now considered a masterpiece, Turgenev's play was first produced in 1872 by the Maly Theatre and again in 1879 but it wasn't until 30 years later with the Moscow Art Theatre's production, directed by Constantin Stanivslasky, that the play was embraced by Russian audiences.

László Marton directs a stellar cast including Founding Members **Diego Matamoros**, **Nancy Palk**, **William Webster** and **Joseph Ziegler**, Soulpepper regulars **Fiona Byrne** (*Waiting for the Parade*), **Hazel Desbarats**, **Jeff Lillico**, **Michael Simpson** and **David Storch** as well as **Diana Bentley**, **Tal Gottfried**, and **Charles Vandervaart** in their Soulpepper debuts. Joining the creative team and making his Soulpepper debut is Romanian set designer **Andrei Both** who has a 25- year international career and resides as the Head of Design in the prestigious University of California San Diego design program.

A Month in the Country previews July 6, 2010, opens July 12, and runs until August 7, 2010 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, located at 55 Mill Street, Building 49, in the Distillery Historic District. Tickets range from \$31.20 - \$75.33 (including 13% HST) and are available by calling the Young Centre box office at 416.866.8666 or by visiting soulpepper.ca. \$22 tickets are available for 21-30 year-olds at 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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