

MEDIA RELEASE

High Life & Long Day's Journey Into Night

Onstage this February at Soulpepper Theatre Company as part of the 15th Anniversary Season

Toronto, ON – January 25, 2012: Albert Schultz, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company, today announced next month's Soulpepper productions at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts: Lee MacDougall's *High Life*, beginning on February 13; and Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey Into Night* beginning on February 14.

High Life, which in its 15 years of life has been celebrated internationally (six productions in Japan alone), receives its first revival in the city in which it was born. Canadian Lee MacDougall's darkly comic play follows the most unlikely bunch of masterminds planning "the perfect crime" with dangerous, gripping and hilarious results. Directed by Soulpepper Founding Member **Stuart Hughes**, the cast features Soulpepper Founding Members **Michael Hanrahan** and **Diego Matamoros**, as well as **Oliver Dennis** and **Mike Ross**. Set and costumes are designed by Soulpepper Academy alumnus **Lorenzo Savoini**.

High Life begins previews on February 13, opens on February 21 and runs until March 28.

An American classic, Eugene O'Neill's autobiographical *Long Day's Journey Into Night* offers a harrowing glimpse into a family torn by addiction and emotional isolation. Soulpepper Founding Member **Diana Leblanc** directs fellow Founding Members **Nancy Palk** and **Joseph Ziegler** as Mary and James Tyrone, alongside **Krystin Pellerin**, **Gregory Prest**, and **Evan Buliung** in his Soulpepper debut. Set and costumes are designed by **Peter Hartwell**.

Long Day's Journey Into Night begins previews on February 14, opens on February 23 and runs until March 31.

Soulpepper Theatre Company is located at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, 55 Mill Street, Building 49, in the Distillery Historic District. Tickets range from \$22 - \$68 (plus service charge) and are available now 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 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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