



### Young People's Theatre Offers Season of Classical Favourites – With Something For All

**September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Regina, SK** - Do It With Class Young People's Theatre and 2011/2012 DIWC season sponsors *Saskatchewan Credit Unions* are pleased to announce the launch of a unique season of classical productions, which will appeal to a wide range of audiences.

“This will be a very exciting season of theatre for our company. We want to thank Saskatchewan Credit Unions for sponsoring our season. With their help we are able to provide Regina audiences with a range of heartwarming, funny, and romantic classical pieces that – there really is something for all audiences in our season this year,” said Andorlie Hillstrom, artistic director DIWC.

“Saskatchewan credit unions believe in re-investing our financial success in ways that help people realize their goals and dreams,” says Keith Nixon, Executive Vice-President of Corporate and Community Affairs, SaskCentral. “Do It With Class supports and encourages young, talented people and we are pleased to sponsor this exciting season.”

DIWC's 2011/2012 season will feature:

- Hans Christian Anderson's popular tale of the *Snow Queen* will open at Regina's Conexus Arts Center on **Oct. 12 - 14th**.

The enchanting musical score and libretto for this production were written by Regina's own Rob Urgan, who is also DIWC's musical director. DIWC is offering both matinée and evening performances of this wonderful show, which will feature junior and intermediate members of the DIWC company. The *Snow Queen* is a production the entire family will enjoy.

- As a special pre-Halloween treat for a more mature audience, friends of DIWC will perform in a musical production of the horror/comedy cult classic *The Rocky Horror Show*.

A fundraiser for the youth theatre company, *The Rocky Horror Show* will be performed, with a live band, on stage at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. Directed by Andorlie Hillstrom, with music direction by Rob Urgan, the production will run **Oct. 27 - 30**.

- For the romantic at heart DIWC is offering a very special Valentine's Day production of *Romeo*

**and Juliet.** One of Shakespeare's best -known plays, this tragedy will be performed in the round in the Conexus Arts Centre's Jacqui Schumiatcher Room.

Set in a post-apocalyptic era, this production will entrance audiences.. Music underscoring for this exciting production has been written by Rob Ursan.

The production will feature senior members of the DIWC company. **Romeo and Juliet** will appeal to all audiences - both matinée and evening shows will run at the Conexus **Feb. 14 - 16.**

- DIWC will close out its exciting season with a heartwarming production of **Seussical.**

Seussical is a wonderful musical production based on the books by Dr. Seuss. The funny and heartwarming production pulls together stories from many of Seuss' most famous stories.

The production will run on main stage at the Conexus Arts Centre and will be performed by all members of the DIWC company. Matinée and evening performances of the production will run **April 3 and 4th.**

The company has a strong record of drawing broad audiences from across southern Saskatchewan. In 2011 more than 20 schools and approximately 900 students attended DIWC matinée performances, some coming from as far away as Vibank and Ogema. Since 2009, more than 17,000 people have taken in DIWC performances.

Do It With Class Young People's Theatre Company (DIWC) is Saskatchewan's only pre-professional musical theatre and drama company for children and youth. The company is made up of 47 skilled actors, singers and dancers ranging in age from 7 – 18, and draws young performers from across southern Saskatchewan to be a part of the company.

Do It With Class provides Saskatchewan youth with performance opportunities and training in a range of performance arts, including dance, voice, drama, and musical theatre production. Many graduates of the company have gone on to become professional performers, including Paul Nolan, who is currently playing **Jesus in Jesus Christ Superstar**, in the "run-away hit" at the Stratford Festival which is rumored to be heading to Broadway; Tatiana Maslany, who was nominated for two Gemini Awards in 2010/2011; Amy Matysio, who is a main character in the comedy series **Single White Spenny**, currently airing on Showcase; and many others such as Jeff Irving (Shaw Festival), Kyle Golemba (performing in the 2011/2012 Golden Apple season) and Ingrid Nilsen (voice of Raspberry Torte in Strawberry Shortcake).

The youth theatre company was formed in 1992-93 by artistic director, Andorlie Hillstrom. Past productions performed by members of the company include: Les Miserables, Willy Wonka, The Wiz, Into the Woods, The Rocky Horror Show, Titanic, The Wind in the Willows, The Little Prince, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, Cats, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Alice in Wonderland and more.

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