



Media Release

Young Actors Needed For Summer Shakespeare Festival

Prescott, January 19, 2010:

Auditions will take place in Prescott Saturday, Feb. 20, 10am-1pm, for children's roles in two plays being staged this summer by the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival.

The plays are Shakespeare's well-known tragedy *Macbeth* which has roles for two boys, playing Fleance and Young Banquo; and *Trouble on Dibble Street*, a brand new play written for the Festival by nationally renowned playwright John Lazarus.

An adaptation of Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, the play is set in Prescott in 1910. Girls and boys of various ages are needed in this play to augment the professional cast.

"The Festival has always had strong ties with the local community," said Artistic Director Ian Farthing. "We're excited that this summer we'll have the opportunity to strengthen those ties by involving local youth in our mainstage productions."

With the Festival running through part of July and August, Farthing emphasized that children picked for the parts will be required to make a major time commitment for rehearsals and performances. On the other hand, they'll become immersed in major professional theatrical productions and learn a lot about every aspect of staging a play.

"For kids with an interest in the theatre, there's probably no better way to spend part of their summer vacation."

Parents interested in their children becoming involved are encouraged to contact the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival office for more information.

The St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival's 2010 season featuring ***Trouble on Dibble Street*** and ***Macbeth*** runs July 10 to August 14 at the Kinsmen Amphitheatre at Sandra S. Lawn Harbour in Prescott. The Festival also boasts the ever-popular Sunday Series and the Young Artists Training Program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK TICKETS:

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