



## Media Release

### Shakespeare Festival Announces Biggest Ever Cast for 2010

#### Prescott, April 29, 2010:

Bringing a selection of familiar faces and new talent to Prescott each summer is one of the hallmarks of the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival and excitement is building as the Festival recently announced its biggest ever cast for 2010.

Among the 23 strong ensemble, audiences will see Festival favourites Michael MacDonald, Warren Bain, Brent Buchanan and Alix Sideris. Also making a return will be Kris Joseph playing the title role in *Macbeth*. When asked how he felt about playing such an iconic role, he said he was:

"Flattered. And terrified. But mostly terrified. It is impossible to take on a role like this without having it compared to every great actor's interpretation of the part. But I'm excited to explore the role with this company."

Newcomers to the Festival include the award-winning Ottawa actor Pierre Brault, recent National Theatre School grad Ron Klappholz making his professional debut and local celebrity Mo Bock, who will be playing the lead role of Falstaff in the brand new comedy *Trouble on Dibble Street*. Rounding out the cast is a selection of actors from across the country, including Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

Local audiences might also recognize some of the younger members of the company as the Festival is utilizing the talents of children from the local area. Cliff Bauder, Jill Foster, Jacob Isaac, Kayla Maggio and Logan Whyte will all be playing roles in one of the two mainstage shows.

#### Wherever You Lay Your Hat...

Actors, directors, and stage managers for the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival come and lay their hats in Prescott each summer and we need to find them a place to call home. If you have a spare room or basement suite and would be willing to let one of these visiting artists use it this summer, or just need someone to housesit for 10 weeks, please let us know. If you cannot accommodate one of our professionals in your home, and you are not already a donor to Shakespeare, please consider "sponsoring an actor" to stay in a rental. In either case, please call 613-925-5788. It's a great way to be a part of the Shakespeare excitement, and who knows, you may well be supporting a future star!!

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.

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