

THE HEART OF ROBIN HOOD

By **DAVID FARR**

Songs by **PARSONSFIELD**

Directed by **GISLI ÖRN GARDARSSON**

November 13 – December 6, 2014 | Previews November 11, 12

John Hirsch Mainstage

WINNIPEG, November 6, 2014 – The cast and creative team for the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's exciting new production **THE HEART OF ROBIN HOOD** are busy putting the finishing touches on this wildly imaginative re-telling of the classic legend. **THE HEART OF ROBIN HOOD** is a co-production with **DAVID MIRVISH** and by arrangement with **BARRY AND FRAN WEISSLER**, and will be performing in Toronto from December 23 through March 1, 2015 at the Royal Alexandra Theatre following the Winnipeg run.

Royal MTC will be holding a media call **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 at 12pm** at the John Hirsch Mainstage to give a first look at the eye-popping, athletic and theatrically dazzling production. The media call will feature a scene from **THE HEART OF ROBIN HOOD** and interviews with select members of the cast and creative team immediately following.

In this fresh twist, Robin and his merry men don't steal from the rich and give to the poor – they keep it for themselves. When Prince John threatens the kingdom, it's up to Marion to defend the poor and turn Robin from an outlaw into a protector of the people. With high-flying adventure and exciting fight choreography, this epic romance is a smashing new treatment of an oft-told tale.

THE HEART OF ROBIN HOOD stars **Gabriel Ebert** as Robin Hood, **Izzie Steele** as Marion, **Euan Morton** as Prince John and **Christian Lloyd** as Pierre. Rounding out the cast are **Anna Bartlam, Richard Clarkin, Jeremy Crawford, Zachary Eisenstat, Troy Feldman, Greg Hovanessian, Martin Julien, Katelyn McCulloch, Sarah Schenckan, Stephen Michael Spencer, Darcy Stewart** and **Tate Yap**.

The cast also includes local talent **Paul Essiembre**, who previously performed in Royal MTC's *Other People's Money* and *A Few Good Men*, in addition to **Tristan Mackid** and **Meguire McRae-King** from last year's holiday treat, *A Christmas Story*.

Essential to **THE HEART OF ROBIN HOOD** are **Parsonsfeld**, a new bluegrass and roots band that has already received great acclaim from such prestigious sources as The New York Times. The band members, **Chris Freeman, Antonio Alcorn, Max Shakun, Harrison Goodale** and **Erik Hischmann**, are integral to the telling and staging of the story, performing songs written specifically for the show.

THE HEART OF ROBIN HOOD is written by **David Farr**, songs by **Parsonsfeld**, scenic design by **Börkur Jónsson**, costume design by **Emma Ryott**, lighting design by **Graeme S. Thomson**, sound

design by **Jonathan Deans** and **Garth Helm**, creative consultant **Walter Bobbie**, associate direction/choreography by **Selma Björnsdóttir** and direction by **Gísli Örn Gardarsson**. The rest of the creative team includes Music Supervisor **Kris Kukul**, Fight Director **Joe Bostick**, Dialect Coach **Eric Armstrong**, Assistant Lighting Designer **George Quan**, Associate Sound Designer **Brian Walters**, Company Manager **Charles Chu**, Company Management Assistant **Anika Nater**, Production Stage Manager **The. John Gray**, Stage Manager **Kim Brown**, Assistant Stage Manager **Sandra McEwing** and Child Chaperone/Apprentice Stage Manager **Janine Nater**.

High resolution images of the cast in rehearsals are available for download in the **MEDIA CENTRE** section of our website at www.royalmtc.ca/MediaCentre. A selection of official production photos will be made available for download on November 12.

PASSWORD: Media

USERNAME: Images

Tickets for **THE HEART OF ROBIN HOOD** start at \$25 plus GST. For showtimes and ticket information, call the Royal MTC Box Office at 204 942 6537, toll-free at 1 877 446 4500 or visit www.royalmtc.ca. Are you 25 and under? A limited number of \$15 tickets are available at noon on the day of the performance, unless the performance is sold out. For more information, visit www.royalmtc.ca/rush.

-30-

For more information and to RSVP to the media call, please contact:

Hayley Brigg, Publicist

Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre

204 934 0302 | hbrigg@royalmtc.ca | www.royalmtc.ca