MEDIA RELEASE



THE WOMAN IN BLACK

By **Stephen Mallatratt** Based on the novel by **Susan Hill March 19 - April 11, 2015 | Preview March 18** John Hirsch Mainstage

"Prepare to be haunted by one of the best horror stories you will ever see on the stage." - *HELLO Magazine*

WINNIPEG, March 12, 2015 – Based on Susan Hill's chilling novel, THE WOMAN IN BLACK has been thrilling audiences on London's West End for more than two decades and now, this heart-pumping ghost story will haunt the Royal MTC Mainstage from March 19 – April 11.

A young lawyer in Edwardian England is hired to oversee the sale of a remote country estate, and finds himself embroiled in a tragic mystery that was been haunting the property for years. Decades later, he engages an actor to recount the tale in an effort to exorcise the demons of his past.

Lauded as one of the scariest stories to ever hit the stage, **THE WOMAN IN BLACK** is the secondlongest non-musical play to run on the West End after *The Mousetrap*. Susan Hill's novel and its sequel (written by Martin Waites) were also recently adapted for the big screen, with Daniel Radcliffe starring in the original. In 2012, 10 horror bloggers were invited to watch the play and the movie while wearing heart monitors. The biggest fright? The play.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK stars Eric Blais as Kipps and Ross McMillan as the Actor. The creative team behind the production includes Director Robb Paterson, Set & Costume Designer Brian Perchaluk, Lighting Designer Hugh Conacher, Sound Designer John Bent Jr., Dialect Coach Shannon Vickers, Assistant Director Charlene Van Buekenhout, Stage Manager Karyn Kumhyr, Assistant Stage Manager Michelle Lagassé and Apprentice Stage Manager Alison Fulmyk.

Tickets for **THE WOMAN IN BLACK** 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 <u>www.royalmtc.ca</u>. 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 <u>www.royalmtca.ca/rush</u>.

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'The most brilliantly effective spine chiller you will ever encounter... if you haven't seen this show yet you are missing a treat'- Daily Telegraph

MEDIA CALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 at 2pm

John Hirsch Mainstage 174 Market Ave

A scene from **THE WOMAN IN BLACK** will be performed on the John Hirsch Mainstage with interviews immediately following.

RSVP BY NOON on TUESDAY, MARCH 17 to:

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PRODUCTION PHOTOS:

A selection of photos will be available for download on our website on March 17. To access these photos, visit the **MEDIA CENTRE** at <u>http://www.royalmtc.ca/mediacentre</u>.

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