

# WONDERFUL JOE

MEDIA RELEASE

Created and performed by Ronnie Burkett

*Ronnie Burkett brings his world-class puppetry back to Winnipeg*

October 9 – 26 | Previews on October 7 & 8

*Tom Hendry Warehouse*

WINNIPEG, October 2, 2025 – Award-winning Canadian puppeteer Ronnie Burkett returns to the Tom Hendry Warehouse with *Wonderful Joe*, a production that has sold out theatres across Canada, that highlights the challenges of gentrification in neighbourhoods. Ronnie Burkett was an audience favourite in Manitoba in the 1990s to 2000s with *Provenance*, *Happy* and *Tinka's New Dress*.

*Wonderful Joe* is a powerful and visually stunning story about Joe and his dog Mister who face the gentrification of their home. Burkett's marionette artistry brings Joe's neighbourhood to life as the duo take a final walk together and Joe reflects on his life.

*Wonderful Joe* is created and performed by **Ronnie Burkett**.

The creative team includes Music Composition and Lyrics by **John Alcorn**, Lighting Designer **Kevin Humphrey**, Production Manager / Artistic Associate **Terri Gillis**, Stage Manager / Technical Director **Crystal Salverda**, Associate Producer **John Lambert** and Costume Builder **Kim Crossley**.

Tickets for *Wonderful Joe* start at \$27 plus GST. For showtimes and ticket information, call the Royal MTC Box Office at 204 942 6537 or visit [RoyalMTC.ca](http://RoyalMTC.ca).

**Due to the content of the performance, only audiences ages 16+ are permitted.**

*Wonderful Joe* was created with the support of The Explore and Create Programme of the Canada Council for the Arts.

Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes is exclusively represented by John Lambert & Assoc. (Montreal) [www.johnlambert.ca](http://www.johnlambert.ca).

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