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A CAPTIVATING TWIST ON A CLASSIC TALE

CHILLIWACK, BC— Open the wardrobe door to the magical world of Narnia! The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society presents Pacific Theatre's *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* on Friday, November 22, 2013 at 7:30pm. Enchanting The Centre's stage with whimsy and humour, C.S. Lewis' classic tale will come to life portraying the many characters from this beloved children's classic. Join Lucy, Peter, Mr. Tumnus, and the White Witch in Pacific Theatre's production of *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*, a splendid theatrical invention that captivates the imagination with its rich themes and unforgettable images. The familiar tale is told in a fresh, spell-binding way. Lucy, the youngest of the four, is now a grown woman. She is back in the spare room looking at the wardrobe when her eldest brother Peter arrives, warning that they must hurry if they are to catch the train home for Christmas. Soon, by shrugging on a white fur coat and with a haughty, up thrust chin, Lucy is the White Witch. With a scarf jauntily tossed over his shoulder and with legs bowed out, Peter transforms into Mr. Tumnis, and audiences are transported to Narnia's snowy glades, towering castles, and sprawling battlefields.

A dream so beautiful you remember it all your life, always wishing you could get back into that dream again. Peter and Lucy Pevensie may be adults now, but a regular life in London cannot compare to their adventures in the land of Narnia. When they revisit the wardrobe where the story began, it doesn't take long for them to get caught up in their reminiscence and relive their journey through the land where it is always winter and never Christmas. The land where Peter and Lucy, joined by their siblings, were not mere children, but Sons of Adam and Eve, warriors for the great lion Aslan, defeaters of the White Witch, and kings and queens. The land no one can forget once they have lived in it, from four fictional children to the millions who have been captivated by reading their story.

Perhaps due to its imaginative theatrical retelling, or perhaps due to the timeless ability of Lewis to make both child and adult alike clutch their hearts and gasp at the adventures of four British children, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* has become a signature piece for Pacific Theatre. By telling CS Lewis' beloved tale in a very theatrical way, "we give the audience room to see *their* Narnia, superimposed on the story Peter and Lucy, play out", says Artistic Director Ron Reed. "The opportunity to participate in co-creating the world of the play... perhaps is the essence of live theatre."

Pacific Theatre aspires to delight, provoke and stimulate dialogue by producing theatre that rigorously explores the spiritual aspects of human experience. In 29 seasons, Pacific Theatre has produced 117 professional mainstage productions ranging from established works to original world premieres featuring some of the top theatre artists from Vancouver and across the continent.

Buy your tickets early for this classic theatre production and enter the enchanting world of Narnia. Tickets are \$30 for Adults, \$27 for Seniors, and \$25 for Students. Call the Centre Box Office at 604-391-SHOW(7469) for more information.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is generously sponsored by McLean's Funeral Services Ltd., Amax Praetorian Security, Hames and Associates, Sutton Showplace Realty, Coast Capital Savings, the Chilliwack Times, the Department of Canadian Heritage, the City of Chilliwack, the British Columbia Arts Council, and the Province of British Columbia.

Create Your Own Series and Save! Purchase tickets for three or more different performances and save \$5 per ticket! (*Shows must be bought at the same time to qualify*) Subscriptions are only available by phone or in person at The Centre Box Office.

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Additional Information

[Pacific Theatre](#)

Alongside its professional work, Pacific Theatre is committed to maintain a community component, fostering new work and established plays, develop emerging artists, create an artistic home for established practitioners, and engage the community at large. In June, 2004, Pacific Theatre was voted “One Of Vancouver’s Favourite Live Theatres” in the Stars of Vancouver Readers’ Choice Awards, *Vancouver Courier*. From 2008-2010, Pacific Theatre has consistently placed in the top three in *The Westender’s* Reader’s Choice Awards.

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Chilliwack Cultural Centre

Owned by the City of Chilliwack, the Cultural Centre houses two unique performance venues, an art gallery, music instruction studios, arts and crafts studios, meeting rooms, and offices, and is home to the Chilliwack Academy of Music. Since opening in

2010, over 120,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding 1,800,000. Overseen by The Chilliwack Arts and Cultural Centre Society on behalf of the City of Chilliwack, other partners in the project include The Chilliwack Visual Artists Association, and The Chilliwack Players Guild.

Chilliwack Cultural Centre highlights:

- 597 seat performance theatre
- 168 seat recital hall / rehearsal space / dance studio / meeting space
- Chilliwack Art gallery (22-foot high display area)
- 21 music instructional rooms
- Arts and crafts studios
- Storage and Archival Resource Room

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