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A Fantasy classic taking us *There and Back Again*



Bilbo played by Patrick Rundell – Photo by Bob Hewitt Photographic Ltd.

Based on the book by J.R.R. Tolkien
Adaptation for the stage by Kim Selody
Directed by Leslie D. Bland

December 4 – 12, 2010 at the McPherson Playhouse

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE...Victoria, November 25, 2010 – Kaleidoscope Theatre is proud to present its main stage production of ***The Hobbit*** adapted by Kim Selody based on the book by J.R.R. Tolkien at the McPherson Playhouse December 4– 12, 2010 recommended for ages 7 and up.

Experience the spectacle and theatricality of the prequel to the immensely popular Lord of the Rings trilogy. Bilbo Baggins lives a comfortable Hobbit's life, but gets more than he bargains for when Gandalf, the Wizard and 13 dwarfs enlist him in their quest to recover their lost treasure from Smaug the Dragon. Middle Earth comes alive with Trolls, Giant Spiders, Orcs, Gollum, the discovery of the One Ring, epic combat sequences, and much, much more!

Kaleidoscope previously produced this adaptation to sold-out houses and rave audience and critical acclaim.

"Kaleidoscope shines ... Leslie D. Bland; Director achieves the semi-impossible! ... *The Hobbit* is the new Kaleidoscope's crowing achievement to date; a well-directed 'cast-of-thousands' show boasting strong and imaginative production values" – Adrian Chamberlain, Times-Colonist Dec 9, 2002

The cast of 39 features Patrick Rundell, a former Kaleidoscope young company member as Bilbo, and other local favourites Roderick Glanville playing the role of Gandalf, Gina McIntosh as Old Took, and Ingrid Hansen taking on the roles of Elrond and Gollum.

Karyn McCallum returns to Kaleidoscope to design the set, Colette Cole creates the costumes, Rebekah Johnson is Lighting Designer, and Alexander Brendan Ferguson provides Composition, Music Direction, and Sound Design. Phoebe Rumsey is Choreographer and Movement Coach.

The Hobbit is Leslie D. Bland's final assignment as outgoing Artistic Director. "It's a thrill to return to Middle Earth for my final turn at directing for Kaleidoscope. This production promises to be just as exciting and entertaining as our hit in 2002!"

As Kim Selody's adaptation stays true to the main themes of the novel, we join in celebrating this enchanting tale by raffling off "One Ring" an engraved vintage gold ring on a hand-crafted gold and silver chain (retail value of \$2900) generously donated by le Soleil Jewellers. Raffle tickets will be made available at each public performance for \$20 per ticket and be purchased by calling the Kaleidoscope Theatre at (250) 383-8124.

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MEDIA CALL: Wed, Dec 1, 1:00 pm, at the McPherson Playhouse (please use stage door)

For more information, to schedule an interview, or to request promotional photos, please contact: Annalyn Richardson, Marketing and Development Coordinator (250) 383-8124, marketing@kaleidoscope.bc.ca

TICKETS & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Bookings School Groups Tickets for School Matinee Performances are still available and can be booked by contacting the Kaleidoscope Theatre Office at (250) 383-8124.

TICKETS FOR PUBLIC PERFORMANCES – McPherson Box Office (250) 386-6121 / www.rmts.bc.ca
\$25.00 for adults / \$22.75 for youth & seniors (Handling Charges & HST included)
Special Savings on tickets if purchased as part of Family Theatre Series subscription.

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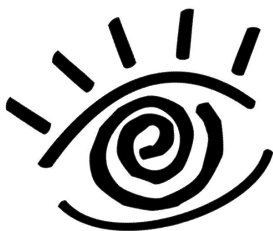
Saturday, December 4, 2010 – 7:00 pm ~ **Opening Night**

Sunday, December 5, 2010 – 2:00 pm (matinee)

Friday, December 10, 2010 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 11, 2010 – 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 12, 2010 – 2:00 pm



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