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Lion in the Streets: UWinnipeg Presents Chilling Drama

WINNIPEG—The University of Winnipeg Department of Theatre and Drama is pleased to present its winter production, *Lion in the Streets*, running from February 8 – 12, 2005, at the Gas Station Theatre.

Lion in the Streets is a chilling play written by prominent Canadian playwright Judith Thompson. Described by the *Toronto Star* as “one of Canada's foremost Women of Letters,” Thompson is a two-time Governor General Award-winner for Drama.

Both a social commentary and a theatrical wonderland, *Lion in the Streets* is the story of Isobel, a ghost who haunts the Toronto neighbourhood where she was killed as a child. Isobel follows several people in her old community as each of them searches for their forgotten pasts. Throughout, *Lion in the Streets* features themes of transformation, death, and the socially subversive.

Lion in the Streets will be performed by the Acting III: Honours students. Set, costume, and lighting designs were conceived and realized by UWinnipeg's Advanced Design class in an ongoing dialogue with the director and design professor, David Hewlett. The Principal Design Team consists of: set by Sarah Gurevich and Rodel Manoy; costumes by Kristy Fredrick and Alexandra Garrido; and lighting by Lara Strain. Associate Designers are: Libid Zyla (set); Liberty DesRoches Dueck (costumes); and Abigail Myers (lighting). Technical assistance is provided by production and stage management students from the Theatre Program.

Performances are Tuesday through Saturday, February 8 - 12 at 8:00 p.m. nightly, with a matinée on Saturday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. All performances take place at the Gas Station Theatre, 445 River Avenue.

Admission is free but reservations are recommended. Call our 24-hour Reservation and Information Line at 204.786.9152, or visit The University of Winnipeg Theatre Department website at <http://theatre.uwinnipeg.ca>

The Department of Theatre and Drama at The University of Winnipeg offers programs in Acting, Design, Drama in Education, Filmmaking, Playwriting, and Production/Stage Management. Our classes are small and our programs practical. Our faculty is comprised of highly respected and award-winning professionals who are experienced teachers and remain active in their disciplines, bringing relevant and up-to-date instruction to our students.

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Members of the media are invited to call Patty Hawkins at 204.786.9955 or to email p.hawkins@uwinnipeg.ca to arrange interviews / film clips.