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## **CAROUSEL THEATRE ANNOUNCES EXCITING 2011-2012 SEASON OF THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!**

Vancouver, BC... Artistic Director Carole Higgins is delighted to announce Carousel Theatre's 2011/2012 Season, which will feature an adventurous collection of stories for young people, as we program another full Mainstage season of Theatre for Young Audiences.

Carousel Theatre's signature Season of Literary Classics will feature five fabulous productions for the young and young-at-heart and our Teen Shakespeare Program sets the stage for up and coming teen actors! We are excited to share this great adventure with new and old friends alike. Join us for our most exciting season ever...*Come Play With Us!*

### **SEASON OF LITERARY CLASSICS Mainstage Series**

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#### **THE WIZARD OF OZ** By L. Frank Baum With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard

Orchestration by Larry Wilcox Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classical Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

Carousel Theatre brings fresh take on the classic story! *The Wizard of Oz* offers an inspiring account of the central character, Dorothy – a feisty heroine who travels a long way to find where her home truly is. Come join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion and Toto too as they travel to the Land of Oz in this delightful adaptation, based on the 1939 MGM musical.

**NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 31, 2011** at The Waterfront Theatre on Granville Island For Ages 4 +

#### **AESOP'S FABLES** By Mike Kenny

Wolfie, Syd, Barry and Harriet invite you into their magical world where anything is possible when you use your imagination. Whether it's *The Tortoise and the Hare* or *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, everyone knows at least one of Aesop's classic Fables. In this spellbinding production, storytellers use song, dance and drama to bring these famous Fables to life. Youngsters will enjoy discovering life's big lessons in this delightful revue.

**FEBRUARY 17 - 26, 2012** at The Waterfront Theatre on Granville Island For Ages 3 +

#### **A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD**

Book and Lyrics by Willie Reale Music by Robert Reale Based on the books by Arnold Lobel

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND... Carousel Theatre's hit production returns after an award-winning sold out run in 2010. Arnold Lobel's well-loved characters hop, sing and dance their way from the page to the stage! *A Year With Frog and Toad* follows the cheerful and popular Frog, and the rather grumpy Toad through four fun-filled seasons. Waking from hibernation in the spring, these two great friends plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, go sledding, and learn life lessons along the way, including an important one about friendship and rejoicing in the attributes that make each of us different and special.

**MARCH 2 – APRIL 8, 2012** at The Waterfront Theatre on Granville Island For Ages 3 +

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CAROUSEL THEATRE presents VISIBLE FICTIONS (Glasgow, Scotland)

### **JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS**

Don't let the classical title scare you. This is contemporary comedy at its best as two actors with supersonic energy take you through a "...totally brilliant stage production..." (The Herald). This re-telling of the ancient Greek myth is hugely physical and relentlessly funny. This dynamic duo makes the Waterfront Theatre their playground, gleefully recreating the epic tale of Jason's perilous journey on the Argo in search of the Golden Fleece so that he can claim his rightful throne. Using both action figures and their own physical ingenuity, these swashbucklers barrel their way through dozens of characters at breakneck speed, battling mischievous sea monsters, harrowing harpies, a villainous uncle, and ultimately, the challenge of their lives...

**APRIL 10 - 28, 2012** at The Waterfront Theatre on Granville Island For Ages 7 +

CAROUSEL THEATRE in partnership with AXIS THEATRE COMPANY presents MERMAID THEATRE OF NOVA SCOTIA'S  
**THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR AND OTHER ERIC CARLE FAVOURITES**

Production Design and Direction by JIM MORROW; Music by STEVEN NAYLOR; Narration by GORDON PINSENT

From the same company that brought us *Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny* and *Swimmy, Frederick & Inch by Inch*, comes an amazing stage production featuring three wonderful stories by award-winning children's book illustrator and writer, Eric Carle. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Little Cloud* and *The Mixed-up Chameleon* are retold on stage with large-scale puppets in vibrant shades, an evocative musical score, and the magic of 'black light'.

**APRIL 21 - 28, 2012** at Norman Rothstein Theatre in the Jewish Community Centre For Ages 3 +

### **TEEN SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM** Outdoors at Performance Works

**JULIUS CAESAR** By WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

"*Et tu, Brute?*" Shakespeare's infamous tragedy, in which ambition and power lead to betrayal and murder, comes to the Performance Works Outdoor stage in a modern retelling full of political intrigue. Featuring teen actors from across Metro Vancouver, this annual program plays an integral role in the development of the next generation of Vancouver theatre artists. Come see the stars of tomorrow on our stage today!

**JULY 29- AUGUST 13, 2011** Outdoors at Performance Works on Granville Island FREE! For All Ages

### **HOW DO I ORDER TICKETS FOR MY FAMILY OR SCHOOL GROUP?**

The 2011/2012 Season brochure will be made available on our website, [Facebook Page](#) and through our [E-Newsletter](#) by April 30, 2011.

Past Season Ticket Holders will receive their renewal packages in the mail by May 17, 2011. Subscriptions and Group Sales go on sale May 30, 2011.

Single tickets are available on September 12, 2011.

For more information on our 2011/2012 Season, and other programs like our Theatre School, Community Outreach, or Studio Rentals, please visit [www.carouseltheatre.ca](http://www.carouseltheatre.ca) or give us a call at 604.669.3410.

