

Fall Preview for family audiences at Geordie Productions

MONTREAL – Geordie Productions launches a fall season with four productions, taking the company as far west as Edmonton and Blanc Sablon in the east.

This season, Geordie embraces the theme and its new name, "Theatre for *all* audiences". As Artistic Director Dean Patrick Fleming explains: "*Great stories of the past, present and future have one thing in common: they are inclusive of everyone. Should great theatre not be the same?*"

Opening the season on Geordie's **Montreal Mainstage Series** for families and schools is a new adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Geordie takes on the most beloved story of the holiday season in a large-scale co-production with Concordia University's Theatre Department with 12 actors on stage, including David Francis as Scrooge, Leni Parker and Michel Perron as Ghosts of Christmas Past & Present, and award-winning designers Ana Cappelluto and James Lavoie, and Montreal's hottest choreographer, Robin Henderson. *A Christmas Carol* runs from December 4 – 13, 2009 at the D.B. Clarke Theatre.

Also new this season is an even more flexible subscription package. Subscribers can now choose between a Season Pass and a Select Pass, which offers a discount of up to 25% to all 3 shows, plus special offers and savings and the Geordie Member card. The Select Pass allows the subscriber to select only 2 shows out of the season, and still benefit from a discounted ticket and Subscriber Benefits. Mix and match your Season and Select Passes for members of your family and friends to create your own customized Family Package. Tickets & Subscriptions are now on sale.

In October, Geordie's acclaimed 2007 production of *The Jungle Book* will travel to The Citadel Theatre in Edmonton, Alberta and the Manitoba Theatre for Young People in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This will be the first time a Mainstage Show will be touring outside of Montreal.

The popular Geordie School Tour continues to tour across Quebec and parts of Eastern Canada, annually delivering nearly 280 performances to schools, libraries and community centres. This year's play for elementary-school audiences is *Once Upon a Home: From You to Us to You* directed and adapted by Amanda Kellock, based on the writings of Montreal-area students, and *Smokescreen* by David S. Craig for High School & CEGEP audiences.

About Geordie Productions

Geordie is a professional theatre company that has presented live English-language theatre for young audiences for over twenty-five years. Grounded in a mission to entertain, to provoke thought, to fire up the imagination, and to challenge our audiences of all ages, Geordie presents to over 80,000 audience members a year through its touring and Mainstage productions. Based in Montreal, **Geordie's School Tour** travels extensively from the Far North to all across Quebec, Ontario and the Maritimes, bringing many communities their only opportunity to see live theatre. Geordie's **Mainstage Series** presents both well-loved classics and exciting new work by contemporary Canadian playwrights to families and school groups at the D.B. Clarke Theatre in downtown Montreal.