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Imagination soars in Scottish adaptation of *The Happy Prince*

Montreal, QC. – January 26, 2006 - Geordie Theatre Productions presents Oscar Wilde's *The Happy Prince* February 17th to 26th at Concordia's D.B. Clarke Theatre.

Annie Woods Productions from Edinburgh Scotland will bring Wilde's fable to life. Adapted and directed by Annie Woods and designed by Karen Tennent, the production stars Julie Walker, Ross McKenzie and a group of puppets as a colourful crew of characters. Music is by Dave Trouton. This high-energy adaptation of Wilde's bittersweet fairy tale is recommended for children ages 5-12.

It's Wilde – for kids!

Although Oscar Wilde is best known for adult fare such as *The Importance of Being Earnest* or *The Portrait of Dorian Gray*, his body of work includes several children's stories. *The Happy Prince* is the tale of a tearful golden statue, who, with the help of a bright swallow, spreads joy throughout his kingdom. Oscar Wilde was very aware of the huge difference between the lives of the rich and the poor in the late nineteenth century, and in *The Happy Prince* he has created a beautiful allegory in the tradition of Hans Andersen.

About Geordie Theatre Productions

Geordie is a professional theatre company that has presented live English-language theatre for young audiences for the last twenty-five years. Based in Montreal, Geordie tours extensively across Quebec, Ontario and the Maritimes, performing in schools, theatres, libraries and community centres. Geordie has also visited the Far North and has performed across Canada and the United States.

Closer to home, Geordie's three-show Mainstage series entertains thousands of families and school groups at Concordia's D.B. Clarke Theatre each season. The company's artistic director, Elsa Bolam, was honoured this fall with a Montreal English Critics' Circle Distinction Award. At the end of the 2005/2006 season Ms Bolam will be succeeded as artistic director by Dean Patrick Fleming.

The Happy Prince
D.B. Clarke Theatre
Concordia University Hall Building
1455 de Maisonneuve West, Montreal
Recommended for Ages 5-12
60 minutes

Media Call:
Friday February 17, 2:00pm

Family showtimes:
Friday February 17, 7pm
Saturday February 18, 2pm
Sunday February 19, 1pm & 3pm
Saturday February 25, 2pm
Sunday February 26, 1pm & 3pm

Matinées for school groups:
February 21-24, 10am & 12pm

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