

**Geordie Productions opens new season with an old favourite:
Barbara Poggemiller's *A Promise is a Promise***

Montreal, September 25, 2007 – Geordie Productions is proud to present Barbara Poggemiller's *A Promise is a Promise*, from the book by Robert Munsch and Michael Kusugak, onstage at the D.B. Clarke Theatre for five performances only from October 12th to October 14th, 2007.

Launching Geordie's 2007-2008 Montreal Mainstage "All the World" season, *A Promise is a Promise* is a special presentation from Geordie's Touring Troupe that will take you into the vast tundra of the Canadian Arctic. For one weekend only, family audiences will have the opportunity to see Geordie's longest-running and best-loved production in its history of over 25 years.

Allashua, a sassy young girl, promises her mother she will not go fishing by the sea ice, where the legendary child-snatching Qallupilluit monster lives. But when Allashua breaks that promise, she discovers that the story is true, and makes a terrible promise to the Qallupilluit. While a promise is still a promise, Allashua and her parents will need to find a way to outsmart the Qallupilluit to save herself and her family.

Geordie Productions' *A Promise is a Promise* has toured widely, from a prestigious international showcase at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., to Quebec's far north in Whapmagoostui, James Bay. This season, Geordie brings back this classic adaptation of the famous Inuit Arctic legend that combines puppetry, music, dance, and a few audience members, so that a new generation can share the magical story told by Canada's favourite children's storytellers Robert Munsch and Michael Kusugak.

A Promise is a Promise features four emerging Montreal talents, Aimée Ambroziak, Nem Jevtovic, Chris Masson, and Jennifer Miller. Directed by Dean Patrick Fleming based on original direction by Barbara Poggemiller. Creative and production team include: Elizabeth Cognard, Costumière; Holly Harris, Music; Shawn Kettner, Set & Costume Designer; Stéphane Rousseau, Stage Manager; and Sarah Yaffe, Lighting Designer.

A Promise is a Promise will also tour to schools and community centres across Quebec and the Maritimes until April 2008. Teachers and school administrators can book a show at their school by contacting schools@geordie.ca.

About Geordie Theatre Productions

Geordie is a professional theatre company that has presented live English-language theatre for young audiences for over twenty-five years. 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 **Montreal 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.

A Promise is a Promise | By Barbara Poggemiller | From the book by Robert Munsch and Michael Kusugak
Directed by Dean Patrick Fleming based on original direction by Barbara Poggemiller
Opening Night: Friday, October 12, 7pm
Weekend Family Performances: Saturday, October 13, 1:00pm & 3:00pm and Sunday, October 14, 1:00pm & 3:00pm
VENUE: D.B. Clarke Theatre, Concordia University Hall Building | 1455 de Maisonneuve W, Montreal. Metro Guy Concordia
TICKETS: \$13.50 children, \$16 adults, \$15 seniors | **AGE RECOMMENDATION:** Children ages 5 – 11 and adults of all ages | 50 minutes
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