

The World According to Munsch

Geordie gets wacky with the whimsical *Snowsuits, Birthdays and Giants*

Montreal, QC. – October 6, 2005 - Geordie Theatre Productions' season opener, *Snowsuits, Birthdays and Giants* by Robert Munsch is set to hit the stage at Concordia's D.B. Clarke Theatre between October 28 and November 6.

Snowsuits, Birthdays and Giants stars local actors Jeanne Bowser, Matthew Kabwe, William Matthews and Misty-Lee Selinger in a host of roles, from kids, teachers, grandparents to... could it really be a... a brightly coloured... *far?!!*. (Better keep quiet about that, because *Good Families Don't* have them!) The wacky worlds of Munsch's stories will be brought to life through the set and costumes of Madeleine Saint-Jacques, lighting by Robin Paterson and sound design by Tim Rideout. The show is directed by Barbara Poggemiller.

Geared for youngsters aged 4-9 years, *Snowsuits, Birthdays and Giants* is Munsch's own stage adaptation of six of his popular children's books, including *Thomas' Snowsuit*, *Mira's Birthday* and *David's Father*. This fast-paced physical production captures all the fun and humour of these much-loved works by Canada's favourite story-teller.

Barbara's Back!

At the helm is long-time Geordie collaborator Barbara Poggemiller, the force behind last season's star-studded *Brahm and the Angel*, which was recently awarded a special jury prize by the Montreal English Critics' Circle, as well as former Geordie Munsch productions such as *A Promise is a Promise* and the *Paper Bag Princess*. What's behind the director's attraction to Munsch? As Poggemiller herself puts it: "His stories seem far-fetched, by they really do capture the zaniness of life with small children. He pokes fun at the realities of being human, and really gives us a chance to laugh at how seriously we take ourselves."

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 recently honoured 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.

<p><i>Snowsuits, Birthdays and Giants</i> D.B. Clarke Theatre Concordia University Hall Building 1455 de Maisonneuve West, Montreal Recommended for Ages 4-9 60 minutes</p>	<p>Family Show Times: Friday Oct. 28, 7pm Sat. Oct. 29, 2pm Sunday Oct. 30 1pm & 3pm Saturday Nov. 5, 2pm & 4pm Sunday Nov. 6, 1pm & 3pm</p>
<p>Media Call: Thursday October 27th, 2:00pm</p>	<p>Matinees for School groups: Tuesday Nov. 1 to Friday Nov. 4, 10am & 12pm</p>

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