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Caesar and Cleopatra to air in HD on CTV on Boxing Day

December 14, 2009... This Boxing Day, see **Christopher Plummer** in *Caesar and Cleopatra* – broadcast for the first time in high definition on CTV.

Artistic Director **Des McAnuff**'s glorious production of Bernard Shaw's classic comedy will air on CTV at 2 p.m. on December 26.

The film was originally broadcast on Bravo! on April 4 after two extremely successful screenings at Cineplex Entertainment theatres. However, this is the first time the film will be seen in high definition on the main network of CTV.

The production, which was hailed as a triumph by critics throughout North America, features **Christopher Plummer** as Julius Caesar and **Nikki M. James** as Cleopatra, the enchanting teenage queen of Roman-occupied Egypt. Their first encounter under a desert moon leads to a shift in history as Caesar teaches Cleopatra to overcome her timidity to become a determined player in the game of power politics.

The film's Executive Producers, Christopher Plummer, **Barry Avrich** and **Michael Levine**, worked in partnership with Bravo! to capture the stage performance over three days in front of live audiences, in HD and digital surround sound.

Presented by Bravo! and produced by Melbar Entertainment Group, *Caesar and Cleopatra* was generously supported by American Express, Cineplex, Bluma Appel Community Trust, Universal and Jim Doak.

A DVD of *Caesar and Cleopatra* is available through the Stratford Shakespeare Festival's Theatre Store. Call 1.800.567.1600 to order a copy.

The 2010 season, beginning on April 10, features *As You Like It; Kiss Me, Kate; The Tempest; Dangerous Liaisons; Evita; Peter Pan; The Winter's Tale; Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris; For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again; Do Not Go Gentle; The Two Gentlemen of Verona; and King of Thieves.*

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