



Stratford Shakespeare Festival
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Encore performance of *Tempest* scheduled for Sept. 13

Proceeds will support new play development at the Festival

August 19, 2010...The Stratford Shakespeare Festival is pleased to announce an encore performance of *The Tempest*, featuring **Christopher Plummer** as Prospero. The performance is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Monday, September 13, the day after the production was slated to close. Proceeds from the production will support the Festival's new play development activities.

"I feel extremely fortunate to have worked with Christopher Plummer – one of the greatest classical actors of our time – on this magical project," says Artistic Director **Des McAnuff**. "The critical acclaim and the response at the box office have been tremendously gratifying. We know first-hand that this production has turned many people on to the joys of Shakespeare and classical theatre – and this is core to our mandate at the Festival. I'm delighted that we are able to offer this extraordinary encore in support of new play development, a cause very dear to my heart."

"In mid-August we found ourselves in a wonderful, yet difficult, position: *The Tempest* was sold out for the rest of its run," says General Director **Antoni Cimolino**. "Every day our box office was hearing from people eager – even desperate – to get tickets to see the show – and we had to disappoint them. Now this fundraising performance allows us to offer one more opportunity to see this extraordinary production. Need I say: get your tickets fast!"

A range of ticket prices will be offered for the performance. There will be a limited number of A+ seats made available for \$250, including a signed copy of Mr. Plummer's memoir, *In Spite of Myself*. The remaining A+ seating will be offered at \$175. A seating is priced at \$125 and B seating at \$95. Everyone will receive a

copy of the Festival's 2010 season poster featuring an image of Mr. Plummer as Prospero.

A post-performance reception will be held in the Festival lobby.

Tickets will go on sale online at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 21. They will be available by phone or in person beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday. The \$250 tickets will not be offered online. To order visit www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com, call 1.800.567.1600 or visit the box office at the Festival Theatre, 55 Queen Street, Stratford.

The Stratford Shakespeare Festival runs until November 6, featuring *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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