



**Stratford Shakespeare Festival
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Three more shows extended at Stratford *Tom Patterson Theatre remains open for an additional week*

August 25, 2010... The Stratford Shakespeare Festival is delighted to announce that the Tom Patterson Theatre's 2010 season will be extended by one week to October 3. Demand for tickets for all three productions at the theatre has been extremely strong.

"I'm delighted that these three productions have proven such a hit with our audiences. Jacques Brel was a true poet for our times, and our success with the show that bears his name – so brilliantly directed by **Stafford Arima**, a newcomer to the Festival – proves once again that poetry belongs on stage," says Artistic Director **Des McAnuff**.

"For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, beautifully staged by another Festival newcomer, **Chris Abraham**, deepens our already warm and long-standing relationship with Michel Tremblay, arguably Canada's leading playwright. Finally, it has been such a pleasure to welcome back **Marti Maraden**, who has given us in *The Winter's Tale* a tremendously sensitive and entertaining production of one of Shakespeare's most moving plays."

"Excellent reviews and word of mouth have kept ticket sales for all of the shows at the Tom Patterson Theatre moving very swiftly," says General Director **Antoni Cimolino**.

"Having sold-out houses is, of course, a mixed blessing for any theatre company – while it is most rewarding to see such great demand, it's very hard to have to turn away patrons eager to buy tickets. These extensions will create some much-needed supply."

For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again will have two additional performances:

- 2 p.m. on September 28; and

- 8 p.m. on October 2.

The production – Tremblay’s moving tribute to his mother – features a tour-de-force performance by **Lucy Peacock**, exquisitely supported by **Tom Rooney**.

Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris will also have two additional performances:

- 8 p.m. on October 1; and
- 2 p.m. on October 3.

This musical revue features touching, funny and heart-wrenching performances by four masters of song and stage: **Jewelle Blackman**, **Make Nadajewski**, **Nathalie Nadon** and Tony Award-winner **Brent Carver**.

The Winter’s Tale will have one additional performance:

- 2 p.m. on September 29.

Ben Carlson, **Yanna McIntosh** and **Seana McKenna** lead a stellar cast in this poignant Shakespearean tale of love, loss and redemption.

Last week the Festival announced an encore performance of *The Tempest*, featuring **Christopher Plummer** as Prospero. Scheduled for 2 p.m. on September 13, it will raise funds for the Festival’s New Play Development activities.

Six other shows have already been extended this season: *Kiss Me, Kate*, *Evita*, *Peter Pan*, *Do Not Go Gentle*, *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* and *King of Thieves*.

Tickets for all performances are available by calling 1.800.567.1600 or visiting www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com.

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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