

Oscar nomination for Christopher Plummer

Star of stage and screen will play Prospero in 2010

February 2, 2010... The Stratford Shakespeare Festival congratulates **Christopher Plummer** on his Academy Award nomination for best supporting actor for his portrayal of Leo Tolstoy in *The Last Station*.

“All of us in Stratford are thrilled with Christopher Plummer’s nomination,” says Artistic Director **Des McAnuff**. “At 80 he is as hot as a pistol and more in demand than ever – and rightly so. He’s one of the truly great actors of our time. Go Chris!”

Even before the nomination, theatergoers were clamoring for tickets to see Mr. Plummer portray Prospero in *The Tempest* this summer. He is returning to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival for his 10th season, having most recently played Julius Caesar in *Caesar and Cleopatra* in 2008. Like *The Tempest*, *Caesar and Cleopatra* was directed by Mr. McAnuff. It was also filmed by Bravo! and screened at Cineplex Entertainment Theatres before being aired several times on Bravo! and CTV.

“Christopher Plummer is not simply a national treasure but one of the finest stage and film actors in the world today,” says General Director **Antoni Cimolino**. “We congratulate our friend on receiving this well deserved nomination and wish him the best of luck on Oscar night.”

Mr. Plummer has been performing in the theatre on both sides of the Atlantic for more than 60 years and has made more than 100 motion pictures, which have brought him international renown. His memoir, *In Spite of Myself*, was published in 2008.

To order tickets to see Mr. Plummer in *The Tempest*, contact the Stratford Shakespeare Festival box office at 1.800.567.1600 or visit www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com. Previews of *The Tempest* begin June 11. The production opens officially on June 25 and runs until September 12.

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*.

PHOTOS:

Christopher Plummer headshot:

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Christopher Plummer as Prospero, 2010 Tempest production image:

<http://www.stratfordfestival.ca/imagegallery/imagegallery.aspx?id=5483>

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