



MEDIA RELEASE

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER SETS SAIL FROM THE CITADEL THEATRE

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(EDMONTON) Swashbuckling pirates, mermaids, magic starstuff, and covert missions for the Queen comprise the secret recipe for hilarity and adventure when *Peter and the Starcatcher* plays at the Citadel April 1 to 23, 2017. Winner of five Tony awards, this madcap play with music and prequel to the beloved Peter Pan story sets sail from the Maclab stage and transports audiences to Neverland. *Peter and the Starcatcher* explores the wild circumstances that bring the young orphan who will never grow up from England to Neverland, resulting in an epic origin story for one of the most cherished characters of all time.

The audience first meets Peter Pan as a nameless orphan simply referred to as “The Boy” aboard the Neverland, sold to the ship’s nefarious captain. Also aboard the Neverland is Molly Aster, a precocious pre-teen on a secret mission for the Queen. Molly and her father, who are Starcatchers, must collect starstuff as it falls to earth and dispose of it in a volcano on the remote island of Rundoon. Of course, as starstuff has magical powers, they aren’t the only ones interested in it. Will “The Boy” be able to help Molly and earn his legendary moniker?

The stage adaptation is by **Rick Elice**, who wrote the smash hit musical, *Jersey Boys*. *Peter and the Starcatcher* is based on the 2006 novel of the same name, by **Dave Barry** and **Ridley Pearson**. The production opened in California in 2009, and played off-Broadway in 2011. The play moved to Broadway, opening at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre on April 15, 2012. *Peter and the Starcatcher* received nine Tony Award nominations, more than any new American play in the history of the Tony Awards. The show enjoyed a successful North American tour in 2013/14.

James MacDonald directs. MacDonald has numerous Citadel credits, including *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, *Equus*, *I Am My Own Wife*, *Stones in his Pockets*, *Vimy* (Sterling Award), *Shining City*, *Fire* (Sterling Award and Dora Award), *God of Carnage*, *A Few Good Men*, and *Clybourne Park*. A dozen talented actors, including Citadel favourites **Oscar Derkx** (*A Christmas Carol*), **Glenn Nelson** (*Beauty and the Beast*, *A Christmas Carol*, *One Man, Two Guvnors*), **Andrea Rankin** (*A Christmas Carol*) and **Farren Timoteo** (*Spamalot*, *Alice Through the Looking-Glass*, *Make Mine Love*), take on the roles of more than 100 unforgettable characters through their ambitious talent, ingenious stagecraft and the limitless possibilities of imagination. The production will take place in the Maclab Theatre, with set and costume design by **Megan Koshka**, and choreography by **Tracey Power**.

***Peter and the Starcatcher* starts April 1 and runs until April 23, 2017.**

Cast

CLINTON CAREW	Bill Slank/Hawking Clam
NICH DAVIES	Percussion
OSCAR DERKX	Peter
PETER FERNANDES	Smee
RICHARD LEE HSI	Prentiss
DOUG MERTZ	Lord Aster
ERIC MORTIMER	Piano/Keyboard
GLENN NELSON	Alf
RYAN PARKER	Captain Scott
ANDREA RANKIN	Molly
GARETT ROSS	Mrs. Bumbrake
FARREN TIMOTEO	Black Stache
STEPHANIE WOLFE	Fighting Prawn
MORGAN YAMADA	Ted

Creative Team

Director	JAMES MacDONALD
Set and Costume Designer	MEGAN KOSHKKA
Lighting Designer	NARDA McCARROLL
Music Director	ERIK MORTIMER
Choreographer	TRACEY POWER
Assistant Director	BETH DART
Stage Manager	KERRY JOHNSON
Assistant Stage Manager	MOLLY PEARSON
Apprentice Stage Manager	ERIN VALENTINE

NOTICE OF MEDIA CALL:

A media call is currently scheduled for **1 p.m., April 4**, in the **Maclab Theatre**. A short selected scene will be performed three times so that videographers can obtain footage of the show.

Members of the cast and creative team will be available for interviews.

To RSVP your attendance at the Media Call or for more information, contact:

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Tickets are available at www.citadeltheatre.com or through the box office at 780.425.1820. Tickets start at just \$30, plus fees and GST.

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