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Tickets go on sale Saturday for Stratford's glorious 2010 season

January 6, 2010... Moviegoers have had plenty of opportunities to see and hear **Christopher Plummer** this past year, with his Golden Globe and SAG nominated performance in *The Last Station*, as well as acclaimed performances in *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*, *9, Up, My Dog Tulip*, and the film of Stratford's production of *Caesar and Cleopatra*. Now is your chance to see him perform live at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival, where he returns to play Prospero in William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* beginning in June. Tickets for this production and the entire 2010 season go on sale Saturday, January 9, at 9 a.m., with a special online advance sale to the general public beginning Friday at noon.

Highlights of the season also include Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, directed by Artistic Director **Des McAnuff**, the Tony and Olivier Award-winning director, who will also take the helm of *The Tempest*. *As You Like It* will feature Tony-winning actor **Brent Carver** as Jaques. Mr. Carver will also be performing in the musical revue *Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*, directed by **Stafford Arima**.

Chilina Kennedy, adored by audiences as Maria in the 2009 production of *West Side Story*, returns to play the title role in **Gary Griffin's** production of *Evita*, with **Juan Chioran** as Juan Peron. The two will also feature in the musical *Kiss Me, Kate*, with **Monique Lund** playing Lilli Vanessi, directed by **John Doyle**.

Along with two more Shakespeares, **Marti Maraden's** production of *The Winter's Tale* and *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, directed by **Dean Gabourie**, the season includes spectacular productions of *Dangerous Liaisons* – directed by **Ethan McSweeney** and featuring **Martha Henry**, **Tom McCamus**, **Seana McKenna** and **Sara Topham** – and *Peter Pan* – directed by **Tim Carroll** and featuring **Michael Therriault** in the title role, along with **Seán Cullen** as Smee, **Tom McCamus** as Captain Hook and **Sara Topham** as Wendy.

Three Canadian plays round out the season: Michel Tremblay's *For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again*, with **Lucy Peacock** and **Tom Rooney**, directed by **Chris Abraham**; Leon Pownall's *Do Not Go Gentle*, a one-man show featuring **Geraint Wyn Davies**, currently playing in New York, realized by **Dean Gabourie**; and *King of Thieves*, a brand new play by George F. Walker, commissioned by the Festival in 2008. It features **Evan Buliung** and **Seán Cullen** and is directed by **Jennifer Tarver**.

Performances of each production are limited, so advance orders are recommended. By purchasing before May 1, ticket-buyers can avoid the 8% HST, which will be added to all purchases after that date.

Visit stratfordshakespearefestival.com for details on all the shows, bios of your favourite actors, and everything you'll need to plan an unforgettable getaway to Stratford.

To purchase tickets call 1.800.567.1600 after 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 9, or visit stratfordshakespearefestival.com after noon on Friday, January 8.

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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