

media release

Hugely Popular Wingfield Story Returns to PTE Wingfield's Inferno opens November 13

WINNIPEG November 3, 2008 – Walt Wingfield returns to PTE with the latest in the extremely popular series. In 2006 two additional performances of *Wingfield on Ice* were added and 21 of 22 were sold out. Single tickets for *Wingfield's Inferno* have been a hot seller since they went on sale with nine of twenty shows already almost sold out. *Wingfield's Inferno* opens with a preview performance on November 12 and runs to November 30.

Praise for Wingfield's Inferno

"**pure comic gold**...the day you succeed in packing as much laughter, thought, insight and feeling into two hours as Beattie, Beattie and Needles do, then give me a call."

Richard Ouzounian Toronto Star

"self-assured writing and acting...lovingly and affectionately handled..."

Komal Al-Solaylee Globe and Mail

"Rod Beattie is an extremely talented actor and is one of Canada's best solo artists. There is a reason that these Wingfield stories have become a Canadian theatrical institution. Not only is Rod a master storyteller, he can move from character to character in the blink of an eye. Dan Needles has perfected the voice of the townspeople of Larkspur. You always know who is talking – that kind of skill and precision is a wonder to watch on stage," says **PTE's Artistic Director, Robert Metcalfe**.

Wingfield's Inferno is the sixth tale in the Wingfield saga that follows the life of Walt Wingfield – a former city stockbroker who decides to leave the rat race of the city for the tranquility of the country in Persephone Township. In the latest tale from the country, things are not so tranquil – Baby Hope says her first word, the race horse he's working with won't wear a bridle and he gets caught up in a scheme to rebuild the community Hall in Larkspur. Poor Walt has his hands full.

Rod Beattie plays Walt Wingfield as well as the rest of the community. **Dan Needles** is the playwright and **Douglas Beattie** is the director. **Mykola Kowalchuk** is Stage Manager and **Niklaas Dethmers** is Apprentice Stage Manager.

When purchasing *Wingfield's Inferno* tickets, patrons can also purchase a half-priced parking voucher for use at the mall's heated, underground parkade. This new parking feature is courtesy of Forks North Portage Parking. Tickets and parking vouchers can be purchases in person, over the phone or online at www.pte.mb.ca.

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ATTENTION: The media/photo shoot for *Wingfield's Inferno* is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 12 at 1:00 p.m.** Colour photos of the show are available for print publications upon request . All media please call 925-5257 to confirm your attendance.

Wingfield's Inferno **performance schedule:**

Preview: Wednesday, November 12, 2008
Opening: Thursday, November 13, 2008
Runs: Until Sunday, November, 2008
Times: 8 pm Wednesday through Saturday
7 pm Tuesdays
7 pm Sunday, November 23, 2008
Matinees: Sundays at 2pm,
plus Saturday, November 15 and November 29 at 3pm
No show Mondays
Prices: Adults **\$40.00** includes all taxes and fees
Students and Seniors **\$32.00** includes all taxes and fees
Preview Wednesday **November 12 – rush seating only**
\$25.00 includes all taxes and fees

Extra: Every Tuesday performance features **Petro-Canada Talk Back Tuesdays** where Rod Beattie will answer questions from the audience following the performance.

**Tickets on sale at the PTE box office, 3rd Floor Portage Place, 942-5483
or 24/7 online at www.pte.mb.ca.**

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