

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Centre Stage Theatre Company Announces New *Smart Plays For Cool Families* Season Line Up. “You’ll Love It!”

Centre Stage Theatre Company proudly presents an expanded new array of smart productions for kids, teens and families in 2009/2010. Audiences will continue to love Centre Stage’s intelligent, inspired productions, which will be performed at **Epcor Centre For The Arts** and on tour throughout Alberta and British Columbia. The new season also includes two new premieres as part of the **Stage West For Kids** series after the success of this season’s *Munschpalooza!*

#### ***Charlotte’s Web* by Joseph Robinette**

**September 23-28, 2009-Engineered Air Theatre, Epcor Centre For The Arts; On Tour Until April 30, 2010**

E.B. White’s classic story about the friendship between a magical spider and “Some Pig”; beautifully presented on stage. Great for all ages.

Starring: Randy Burke, Mallory Gallant, Kim Howard, Jordan Koop, Trevor Matheson and Anastasia St. Amand.  
Directed By Bonnie Gratz

#### ***Mixed Up* By Ellen Chorley, Bonnie Gratz, Telly James & John Knight**

**On Tour-October 19-November 30, 2009**

From the streets to the stage-a remount of Centre Stage’s gripping drama about teen violence.

“Best Bet In Theatre”- Feb. 2009

Starring: Ellen Chorley, Bonnie Gratz, Telly James & Trevor Matheson  
Directed By Adrienne Smook

#### ***Once Upon A Christmas - A New Musical* By Bonnie Gratz, Music by Mary-Jean Uszy**

**Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 14, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26-Stage West Theatre**

##### **WORLD PREMIERE**

The characters in all of our favorite stories celebrate Christmas just like we do, but this year there is a problem. After a cruel misunderstanding between The Queen of Hearts and Old King Cole, The Gingerbread Man doesn’t want to run, Rapunzel wants to cut her golden hair and The Three Bears don’t want to wake up from their winter naps to celebrate. Will a lack of Christmas spirit in the land famous for magic mean the end of Christmas? Can Santa have time to save the day?

Join us for this wonderful new musical by Centre Stage Theatre that will warm hearts and get families ready for the best holiday season ever!

Starring: Briana Lowe, Randy Burke and Kim Howard

#### ***The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams**

**Feb.17-21, 2010-Engineered Air Theatre, Epcor Centre For The Arts**

Written in 1945, this play launched Tennessee Williams’ storied career. Centre Stage invites you into the lives of Tom, Amanda and Laura Wingfield - a family as fragile as glass who, most of all, long for the love of the outside world.

Starring: Trevor Matheson, Kim Howard, John Knight & Michelle Warkentin  
Directed By Bonnie Gratz

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***A 1970's Cinderella* By Bonnie Gratz**

**Saturdays in May & June 2010-Stage West Theatre**

It is Los Angeles, 1977, and the Disco Queen has a problem. Prince, her son, can't find "somebody to love". Enter Cinderella and her dreams of meeting someone sweet and cool like John Travolta or Al Pacino- the only thing standing in her way is her super freaky Stepmother and her Stepsisters. With help from her friend, Mouse and The Godfather will Cinderella get her "Happily Ever After" at The Disco Ball? Hustle on in and see this hilarious adaptation of a classic fairy tale that will leave families groovin'.

Starring: Mallory Gallant, Bonnie Gratz, Andrea Halwas, Briana Lowe, Anastasia St. Amand, Brandon Trotter & Mary-Jean Uszy.

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