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“Anne of Green Gables – The Musical” at The Chance Theater brings a family favorite to life

As its seventh production in its 9th Anniversary Season, The Chance Theater is pleased to present the Orange County Premiere of Joseph Robinette and Evelyn D. Swensson’s delightful musical adaptation of Anne of Green Gables, from November 9 through December 23. The play is co-directed by The Chance Theater’s Managing Director, Casey Long, and Company Member/Choreographer, Kelly Todd.

Based on the original novels by Lucy Maud Montgomery, “Anne of Green Gables – The Musical” follows the story of the beloved orphan, Anne Shirley and the town she has come to call her home: Avonlea. Anne is a red-haired, wide-eyed orphan girl with a genius for getting into trouble, but ends up changing the lives of all those around her. First published in 1908, Anne of Green Gables has been a favorite of young girls and families for almost a century.

Director Casey Long, who is also the Managing Director and co-founder of The Chance, is excited to be tackling such a popular work in his Main Stage directorial debut at The Chance. “The challenge with this musical is to stay true to the story that so many people fell in love with growing up, while also exploring an interesting theatrical approach that brings more focus to the story of Avonlea as a whole. The town goes through as much of a dramatic change as our title character during the course of this story. When Anne arrives at Green Gables, Canada finds itself on the brink of some major changes in the rights for women – the town of Avonlea attends a rally for women’s right to vote, and Miss Stacy represents one of the first female teachers in Avonlea. The story of Anne Shirley is a microcosm of how women all over the country at the time were finding a voice.”

The cast features Chance Theater Resident Company Members Bill Strongin and Jeff Hellebrand. Joining them is Jessie McLean, Dianne Manaster, Lewis R. Crouse II, Andrew Eddins, Andrea de la Luz Ainsworth, Shannon Cudd, Peter Schnake, Damon Hayes, Sarah Pierce, Tanya Mironowski, and Neena Tilton.

If you would like to arrange an interview with the director, cast, would like more information, reservations or complimentary press passes, please call 714-777-3033.

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“ANNE OF GREEN GABLES – THE MUSICAL” PERFORMANCE & TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets: \$25 - \$22

Performances: November 9 – December 23, 2007; Thu., Fri. Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.

Preview - Thursday, November 8 at 8 p.m.; includes post-performance talkback

Opening Gala - Friday, November 9 at 8 p.m.; includes catered reception

PLEASE NOTE: There is no performance on Thursday, November 22

For Information and to Purchase Tickets:

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About The Chance Theater

Recently voted the #2 Live-Theater Group by OC Register readers, The Chance is closing out its Ninth Anniversary Season with this production. A recipient of the 2007 Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle (LADCC) Polly Warfield Award for Excellence, a vital component of The Chance Theater's mission has always been to intimately present personally meaningful, uniquely engaging stories that promote dialogue within our community and provide a visceral experience for theatergoers. As a constituent member of Theater Communications Group (TCG) and Network of Ensemble Theaters (NET), The Chance continues to bring national attention to Southern California theater through its recent achievement. In addition to the recent LADCC Award, The Chance has also received a 2006 GLAAD Media Award nomination for Outstanding Los Angeles Theater; recognition as the 2004 Arts Orange County Outstanding Arts Organization; and participated in the 365 Days/365 Plays National Theater Project.

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