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## MEDIA RELEASE

THEATRE CALGARY PRESENTS THE HEROIC,  
HILARIOUS AND ULTIMATELY SHOCKING STORY  
**ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST**  
SEPTEMBER 14 - OCTOBER 3, 2010

**September 7, 2010 – Calgary, AB...** Theatre Calgary begins its 2010-11 season with one of the most iconic and disturbing plays about humour and madness, *ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST*, a play by Dale Wasserman from the novel by Ken Kesey.

### THE STORY

Randle P. McMurphy has always lived by his own rules. When he cons his way into a mental institution in order to escape prison life, he comes head to head with the ultimate authority – the soft-spoken and tyrannical Nurse Ratched. What follows is a no-holds-barred battle for freedom against total control, and the lives of other patients are at stake. This unforgettable story exposes the boundaries between causing harm and creating hope. Its portrait of rebellion and courage in the face of conformity is as relevant today as it was when the revolutionary novel was published.

### HISTORY

First published as a novel in 1962, Ken Kesey's story was quickly adapted to the stage by Dale Wasserman and premiered in 1963. Shortly thereafter, the film rights were purchased by actor Kirk Douglas who fully intended to star as McMurphy. However, the film did not get made until 1975, and Douglas was deemed too old to play McMurphy. Enter Jack Nicholson and producer Michael Douglas. The film would go on to sweep the major Oscars at the 1975 Academy Awards.

### THE CAST

*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* stars **SHAUN SMYTH** (*Of Mice and Men*) as Randle P. McMurphy | **VICKIE PAPAVALS** (TC debut) as Nurse Ratched | **BERNARD STARLIGHT** (TC debut) as Chief Bromden | **FRANK ADAMSON** (*Arsenic & Old Lace*) as Scanlon | **ARDON BESS** (TC debut) as Aide Turkle | **AARON CONRAD** (TC debut) as Ruckley | **CAMILLE DEVINE** (TC debut) as Candy Starr | **TONY EYAMIE** (*Betrayal*) as Martini | **KUDJO FIAKPUI** (TC debut) as Aide Williams | **Stan Lesk** (TC debut) as Cheswick | **GRAHAM PERCY** (*The Overcoat*) as Dale Harding | **ARIELLE ROMBOUGH** (TC debut) as Nurse Flinn, Sandra | **TREVOR RUEGER** (TC debut) as Billy Bibbit | **RAY STRACHAN** (TC debut) as Aide Warren | **JON TED WYNNE** (TC debut) as Dr. Spivey.

### THE CREATIVE TEAM

**MILES POTTER** (*Doubt: A Parable*), Director | **ALLAN STICHBURY** (*Timothy Findley's The Wars*), Set Designer | **GILLAN GALLOW** (TC debut), Costume Design | **KEVIN LAMOTTE** (*Beyond Eden*), Lighting Design | **MARC DESORMEAUX** (TC debut), Sound Design | **JEAN-PIERRE FOURNIER**, Fight Director | **JANE MACFARLANE**, Vocal Coach | **AILSAL BIRNIE** Stage Manager | **STACEY KOTLAR**, Assistant Stage Manager | **GILLIAN PINCKNEY**, Apprentice Stage Manager.

Performances at Theatre Calgary run Tuesday thru Sunday with evening curtain at 7:30pm (Tues-Thurs & Sunday) and 8:00pm (Fri & Sat), weekend matinees at 2:00pm. Tickets for all performances start at \$25.00 and can be purchased through Theatre Calgary at 403-294-7447, or online at [theatrecalgary.com](http://theatrecalgary.com). Rush tickets may be available at the box office, one half hour prior to showtimes for \$20. All performances take place in the Max Bell Theatre in the Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts.

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