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NEWS RELEASE

Fourth annual Legal Benefit aids local charities

Windsor, ON – The Actors Theatre of Windsor (ATW) and the United Way / Centraide Windsor-Essex County today announced details of the fourth annual Legal Benefit, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, to be held on Wednesday May 29 at 7:30 pm at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Windsor.

To Kill A Mockingbird by Christopher Sergel, with permission of Dramatic Publishing, is based on the 1961 Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Harper Lee. *To Kill a Mockingbird* explores prejudice, selfishness, self-respect, and courage and is set against the backdrop of the deep South in the 1930s. Delivering a full-scale production of one of the greatest legal dramas of all time, members of Windsor's legal community will done costumes and take to the stage to help raise monies for the Benefit which supports the Windsor Fringe, United Way /Centraide Windsor-Essex County, Raise a Reader of Windsor Essex, and the University of Windsor.

Back by popular demand, reviews for this production have proclaimed Peter Hrastovec's work as "Atticus Finch is every bit as good as the Stratford Production", with acclaims of Jacqueline Mackenzie's performance as "Scout" ranging from "truly stellar" to "a rare young talent".

ATW's Legal Benefit introduces the audience to a stellar cast of local legal practitioners including Peter Hrastovec as Atticus Finch; Victoria Cross; Kenneth W. Golish; Kirk Munroe; Ken Marley; Kendal Mckinney; Karen Momotiuk; Justice John Brockenshire; and Joseph Vernon.

Members of the Windsor's Theatre and Academic Communities supporting our legal cast in this Benefit are Aaron Hrastovec; Oluwatobi Owoyemi-Aina; Kevin Johnson; Phyllis Lewis; Crystal Mahoney ; Jacqueline Mackenzie; Melissa Scheele; Donna Goss; Diane Hill; Nina, Zane and Natalie Dube; Ginette Ferris; and Calvin and Zachary Vreman.

"This powerful play reminds us all of the responsibility we have to one another," says Mona el Baroudi, Artistic Director, Actors Theatre of Windsor. "It's a classical story of moral complexity, wisdom and human decency and of one man's heroism in his quest for justice. Who better to deliver that message than our very own legal practitioners."

Tickets are \$40 each and \$25 for seniors, students and groups of 10 or more, and can be purchased online at www.actorstheatreofwindsor.com, by phone at 519-252-6579 or 1-800.387.918. Tickets can also be purchased in-person at the Chrysler Theatre Box Office, 201 Riverside Drive West, Windsor (Ferry Street entrance) between 1:30 pm to 8:30 pm, and at the door to the Capitol Theatre two hours prior to performance.

The admission price includes the After Glow Reception with free appetizers courtesy of Koolini Italian Eatery, and a complementary wine tasting sponsored by Sprucewood Shores Estates Winery and Aleksander Estate Winery along with the opportunity to mix and mingle with members of Windsor's legal fraternity.

The Actors Theatre of Windsor (ATW) is a registered professional not-for-profit theatre company committed to developing a professional entertainment industry in Southwestern Ontario and Southeastern Michigan. ATW's public programming has two primary components: ATW Main Stage - professional theatre featuring seasonal shows; and ATW Actors Umbrella -community outreach programming encompassing the production of the annual Windsor International Fringe Festival, and the regional What's On! arts and cultural calendar.

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