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**Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People presents World Premiere
of New Musical by Multi Award-winning Composer-librettist,
Leslie Arden**

LKTYP is proud to present the World Premiere of **Leslie Arden's *The Princess & the Handmaiden***. Directed by **Allen MacInnis**, this funny and witty musical will be presented on the Mainstage from November 15 to December 30, 2009 – a delightful holiday treat!

Mean Girls meets the Brothers Grimm in this modern take on *The Goose Girl* fairytale about a pampered princess and her hard-working handmaiden. As the two girls set off on a quest to save an ailing king in a far away land, the scheming handmaiden takes the place of the princess and abandons her in the woods. Now the girls have changed places and each quickly discovers the hardships the other faced. The grass isn't necessarily greener on the other side. Arden's clever story touches on themes of loyalty, destiny, and friendship – with a magic potion, a handsome but rather silent prince, and a chorus of singing sheep thrown in for good measure!

The Princess & the Handmaiden features a cast of ten: **Susan Henley** (Maggie), **Larry Mannell** (Bob), **George Masswohl** (Captain) **Tracey Michailidis** (Handmaiden), **Julain Molnar** (Waiting Maid), **Jonathan Tan** (Conrad), **Andrew Stelmack** (Will), **Regan Thiel** (Princess), **Karen Wood** (Waiting Maid) and **Sharron Matthews** as the Narrator.

The creative team includes Musical Director **Diane Leah**, Music Arranger **Greg Diakun**, Choreographer **Jane Johanson**, Set Designer **David Boechler**, Costume Designer **Dana Osborne**, Lighting Designer **Bonnie Beecher** and Sound Designer **Michael Laird**.

Leslie Arden, arguably Canada's most talented musical theatre writer, is equally skilled as a composer, lyricist and librettist. Leslie has written some of Canada's most powerful and moving works of musical theatre, including the critically-acclaimed and multi award-winning *The House of Martin Guerre* and the Chalmers Award-winning *The Happy Prince*.

The Princess & the Handmaiden

MAINSTAGE | Nov. 15 to Dec. 30, 2009 | WORLD PREMIERE!

Opening: Thursday, November 19 at 7PM | Media Matinee at 1PM

Written and composed by **Leslie Arden**

By special arrangements with **Ginger Cat Productions**

Directed by **Allen MacInnis**

Recommended for Ages 5-16

Media opening: Thursday, November 19 at 1:00 PM | **General public opening:** 7:00 PM

Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People | 165 Front Street East, Toronto

Tickets: \$10 - \$20 | All prices include GST; service charges extra | Group rates available

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