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**Rep 21 presents
The Toronto Debut of
THE LIEUTENANT OF INISHMORE
With New Toronto Cast Members**

Rep 21, comprised of the acting alumni of Canadore College's new Theatre Arts Program in North Bay, proudly presents the Toronto premiere of Martin McDonagh's award-winning black comedy, **THE LIEUTENANT OF INISHMORE**.

Directed by **Rod Carley**, Coordinator/Creator of the Theatre Arts Program at Canadore College and Artistic Director for Rep 21, **THE LIEUTENANT OF INISHMORE** is this year's 'alternative holiday show', running December 2-12 at the Berkeley Street Theatre downstairs.

On a lonely road on the island of Inishmore, someone has killed Wee Thomas, the beloved cat of Padraic, an Irish Liberation Army enforcer. He'll want to know who, when he gets back from a stint of torture and chip-shop bombing in Northern Ireland. He loves his cat more than life itself, and someone is going to pay. **THE LIEUTENANT OF INISHMORE** is a gleeful and gruesome play about political terrorism in rural Ireland.

While the original cast consisted solely of Canadore students, there have been some casting changes in bringing the show to Toronto. Joining the cast are **Jesse Bond** (who has recently been featured on the hit show *Flashpoint*), **Benjamin Clost** (The Chicago Touring Company's presentation of *The Lion King*, Theatre Passe Muraille's *My Fellow Creature* and CanStage's production *Of Mice and Men*), and **Brandon Coffey** (the world premiere of *GAS* at the InfiniTheatre in Montreal, and the award-winning play *dust* at the 2008 Summerworks festival).

THE LIEUTENANT OF INISHMORE was first produced in 2001 by the Royal Shakespeare Company in London, where it received the Olivier Award for best comedy. It was next produced off-Broadway, then transferred to Broadway in 2006 where it was nominated for a Tony Award and Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play.

A staple of the 90s theatre scene in Toronto, **Rod Carley** is an award-winning director, actor, playwright, teacher, adaptor, dramaturg, designer and producer. He moved to North Bay eleven years ago to help found the Nipissing Stage Company where he served as Artistic Director for six seasons, committed to developing the work of Northern Ontario writers. This year Rod won TVO's Big Ideas/Best Lecturer competition. Rod has directed and produced over 95 productions to date, both nationally and internationally, ranging from the classics to the development of new Canadian work.

Rep 21 presents

The Lieutenant of Inishmore

Written by Martin McDonagh • Directed by Rod Carley

Featuring Matthew Krist, Brandon Coffey, Jennifer Matthies, Tim Nicholson,
Anthony Leclair, Ed Schaeur, Benjamin Clost, Jesse Bond

Lighting and Sound Design by Michael Glussich • Set Design by Frank Vona

Costume Design by Rod Carley • Fight Direction by Daniel Levinson

Stage Manager/Voice Coach Tracey Berti • Dialect Coach David Ferry

Berkeley Street Theatre Downstairs, 26 Berkeley Street

December 2-12, 2009 • Opening Night Thursday, December 3

Monday - Saturday @ 8pm, Wednesday & Saturday @ 2pm

All Tickets \$20.00 – Call the box office at 416.368.3110 or online at canstage.com

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