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MTS Winnipeg on Demand Presents a Farpoint Films Production

The Book of Vaudeville Premiere

A Fundraiser for the Performing Arts Lodge of Winnipeg

Friday, September 23

Two Screenings: 1:30pm & 7:00pm

Aqua Books
274 Garry Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba

MTS Winnipeg on Demand is puttin' on a show. What kinda show you ask? A Vaudeville show! The Book Of Vaudeville film premiere!!

Where & When

September 23rd upstairs At Aqua Books, 274 Garry Street. Not one, but TWO premiere screenings of *The Book of Vaudeville* on September 23rd; the first at 1:30pm and the other at 7:00 pm (doors open 30 minutes prior to screening).

This is a fundraiser for the Performing Arts Lodge of Winnipeg (PAL). Tickets are \$20 (cash sales only please) and are available in advance at Aqua Books, Theatre Projects Manitoba (204-245 McDermot Ave) and the Farpoint Films office at 202-1335 Erin St. \$20 gets you a seat to witness Vaudeville history as it comes alive one last time. All money goes to the establishment of a PAL location in Winnipeg. As an added bonus, screening before each showing of *The Book Of Vaudeville* is the film *Between Then and Now: Twenty Years of Theatre Projects Manitoba* by Gordon Tanner.

What's Happening

Six months in the making, this will be the first chance anyone has to see all the thrills and chills of *THE BOOK OF VAUDEVILLE!* A screening of this exciting re-imaging of the heady days of Vaudeville will highlight at both showings. Plus your chance for a question and answer period with the creative team behind the film, including director John Barnard, writer Chris Charney and Band Leader Owen Clark.

The film is set to premiere on MTS Winnipeg On Demand in the Fall of 2011, but it can be seen here first! Featuring Onalee Ames, Sarah Constible, Tricia Cooper, Jacqueline Loewen, Andrew Cecon, Dean Gunnarson, Stephen Eric McIntyre, Ross McMillan and Owen Clarke & his band.

Directed by John Barnard
Written by Chris Charney
Produced by Kyle Bornais & Scott Leary
Executive Producer for MTS Cam Bennett

Why?

Based on a real book that is currently housed at the City of Winnipeg Archives, the film follows six actors who have learned Vaudeville oddities and acts from the book. And what better way to show off the book than to put on a live show at Winnipeg's only surviving Vaudeville theatre The Pantages Playhouse Theatre.

The book itself endured the implosion of the Orpheum Theatre in the 1950's to make room for modern office buildings. It was found poking our of the rubble by Winnipeg promoter and restaurateur Gene Shelly who saved it from total loss. Inside the book are highlights, remarks and newspaper clipping from shows that occurred at the Orpheum Theatre between 1920 - 1930 when the book mysteriously ends.

2011 just so happens to also mark the 100th anniversary of corporate Vaudeville in Winnipeg, when the Orpheum Theatre officially opened its doors to Winnipeggers in the spring of 1911. Entertainment, education, and fundraising ...its like a Vaudeville act of its own!

What's PAL Winnipeg?

The Performing Arts Lodge of Winnipeg is a charitable organization committed to providing safe and affordable housing for aging members of the performing arts community. Not only performers, but writers, directors, musicians, carpenters, painters, designers all of whom contribute equally to our rich prairie culture. PAL Winnipeg is currently engaged in preliminary site-identification, with an eye to turning soil within the next three years. For more information about PAL Winnipeg please visit our website @ palwinnipeg.org or contact Gordon Tanner at the number below.

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