

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**HIT PUPPET COMPANY RETURNS TO THE FRINGE WITH A NEW COMEDY!**

*Shakey-Shake and Friends presents a hilarious romantic comedy for all ages!*

If music be the food of love, play on! Hot off their Best of FringeKids run at Toronto's Solar Stage, acclaimed puppet company Shakey-Shake and Friends returns with one of The Bard's most beloved comedies: *Twelfth Night...A Puppet Epic!*

When a shipwreck strands Viola in a strange land, she disguises herself as her twin brother Sebastian and finds herself in love triangle between a love-struck Duke (who loves Olivia), the beautiful Countess Olivia (who loves Viola in disguise), and herself (who loves the Duke but has to woo Olivia on his behalf)! Comic hi-jinks ensue as schemes are hatched, tricks are played, and love flourishes...and things only get more complicated when her twin brother arrives!

Designed to act as an engaging, entertaining, but also faithful first point of contact for young audiences, Shakey-Shake's winning formula mixes original text with modern pop culture references. In this way, we make Shakespeare easy, fun, and accessible, while still telling the whole story - with lots of jokes for the adults in the house, too! Audiences young and old agree that Shakey-Shake and Friends "Just might create a lifelong love of Shakespeare in its audience." (Mooney on Theatre)

*Twelfth Night...A Puppet Epic!*

By Tom McGee and William Shakespeare

Directed by Sarah Bruckschwaiger (*Hamlet...A Puppet Epic, Midsummer Night's Dream...A Puppet Epic, Sean and Steven Run for Mayor*)

Starring: Amanda Cordner, Jeff Dingle, Erin Eldershaw, Megan Miles, Shaquille Pottinger, Graeme Black Robinson, Shira Taylor, and Tom McGee.

Stage Manager: Skye Ashby

The George Ignatieff Theatre

15 Devonshire Place, Toronto ON M5S 2C8

(A 5 minute walk south of the Bedford exit of St George subway station)

Dates:

June 30th, 5.45pm

July 2nd, 11.00 am

July 4th, 1.00 pm

July 5th, 4.15 pm

July 7th, 2.30 pm

July 8th, 11.30 am

July 9th, 10.00 am

Length: 60 min

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