

ALLEYWAY THEATRE

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GETTING A "HEADLESS START" ON THE 2011-12 SEASON AT ALLEYWAY THEATRE

Alleyway Theatre in the heart of Buffalo's Historic Theatre District and co-sponsor **Old Fort Niagara** will present the **World Premiere** of **THE GHOST OF FORT NIAGARA** book, music and lyrics by Neal Radice, September 8-October 1, 2011. The new musical will be directed by Mr. Radice, and is the first production of Alleyway Theatre's thirty-second season dedicated to new plays and musicals.

THE GHOST OF FORT NIAGARA

Western New York's most spine-tingling legend comes alive in this new musical creation by the author/composer of **GILGAMESH**, **PAN-AMBITIONS**, **OVER THE FALLS**, **TOOLEY AND MARY**, **COLUMBUS**, **THE MISS GREATER LOESSERVILLE PAGEANT** and **ITALIAN SERENADE**. Hold on to your hat... and your head... when the swords start clashing! Suitable for adults and teens.

The Ghostly Legend

As it has been passed on to countless visitors to Old Fort Niagara over the past decades: A young French military officer stationed at Fort Niagara is killed by his rival in a duel over the love of an Indian Maid. Not satisfied with merely killing his opponent, however, in a fit of drunken rage, the fellow soldier goes a step further and decapitates his victim and throws the head into the Niagara River. The body is then gruesomely concealed by stuffing it down a well within the French Castle. Claims persist that when the moon is full, the headless ghost of the young officer wanders the halls and grounds of the old colonial fort, desperately searching for what he has lost.

Author/Composer Neal Radice

Neal Radice is Founder and Executive Director of Alleyway Theatre. In addition to having directed or produced more than two hundred stage plays, musicals or operas during the past forty years, Mr. Radice has created scenery, costumes, or lighting for again as many productions.

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Author/Composer Neal Radice (continued)

His credits as a playwright, composer, or lyricist include: BE YOURSELF, JACK!, BEOWULF: THE ROCK OPERA, WHAT ARE WE DOING IN BUFFALO?, CASEY'S SOCIAL CLUB, THE MISS GREATER LOESSERVILLE PAGEANT, MINIMUM HABITAT, PEER, THE PERPETUAL MOTION MAN, SHERLOCK IN LOVE, SHERLOCK ALONE, SHERLOCK FOREVER, GILGAMESH, THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM, PAN-AMBITIONS, OVER THE FALLS, SHADOW SERENADE, COLUMBUS and ITALIAN SERENADE. Mr. Radice has composed countless pieces of incidental music for the theatre including his A PATCH OF EARTH suite, and he appears annually as Charles Dickens in his popular adaptation of A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

The Cast Of THE GHOST OF FORT NIAGARA features David C. Mitchell, Roger Van Dette, Katy Clancy, Nicholas Lama, James Heffron, Nathan Miller and Paloma D'Auria.

Stage combat will be choreographed by Adriano Gatto, and costumes will be designed by Joyce Stilson.

Schedule: September 8-October 1, 2011, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 PM. Friday September 16 (Curtain Up!) will begin at 8:00 PM.

Tickets: \$25/general admission; \$13/students.

Ticket Availability: Avoid service charges and get tickets online at alleyway.com or purchase at the box office during the 30 minutes before each performance. A *Pay-What-You-Can* Performance will be offered Thursday September 15th on a rush basis only. Group rates available. Alleyway Theatre Box Office: 716-852-2600x0.