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## "A masterpiece. Billy Twinkle brings us a world class master at the peak of his powers."\*

Alberta Theatre Projects presents  
Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes in  
***BILLY TWINKLE Requiem for a Golden Boy***  
Created and Performed by Ronnie Burkett  
Music by John Alcorn, Lighting Design by Kevin Humphrey

**Calgary, AB** – After a tour in Canada, the UK and Australia, Alberta Theatre Projects proudly presents *BILLY TWINKLE Requiem for a Golden Boy*, created and performed by Ronnie Burkett.

Billy Twinkle is a middle-aged cruise ship puppeteer who dazzles audiences with his Stars in Miniature marionette nightclub act. Until he is fired. As he stands on the edge of the ship contemplating a watery demise, he is abruptly called back to reality when his dead mentor Sid Diamond appears as a hand puppet.

This requiem for a golden boy shines a little light on the wonder of youth meeting the wisdom of age. A must-see, one-of-a-kind show that has seen success around the globe.

"Canadian puppeteer Ronnie Burkett is an absolute master of his craft. Burkett's productions are sophisticated explorations of the human condition." ***Australian Stage, Melbourne, Australia, 2009.***

**Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes** was established in 1986. Canada's foremost artist in puppet theatre, Ronnie has been credited with creating some of the world's most elaborate and provocative puppetry. Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes has stimulated an unprecedented adult audience for puppet theatre and continues to perform to great critical and public acclaim on Canada's major stages and as a guest company at international theatre festivals. Recipient of the 2009 Siminovitch Prize, Ronnie has received numerous awards in Canadian theatre as a playwright, actor and designer for his work with Theatre of Marionettes.

## Cast and Creative Team

**Created and Performed by Ronnie Burkett**

**Music and Sound Design: John Alcorn**

**Lighting Design: Kevin Humphrey**

**Stage Manager: Lesley Humphrey**

**Production Manager/Artistic Associate: Terri Gillis**

**Technical Director: Shanna Miller**

**Dramaturge: Iris Turcott**

The original production of *BILLY TWINKLE Requiem for a Golden Boy* was commissioned by The Citadel Theatre (Edmonton, Canada) and co-commissioned by Canada's National Arts Centre (Ottawa, Canada), The Vancouver East Cultural Centre (Vancouver, Canada), The Arts Centre (Melbourne, Australia), Sydney Opera House (Sydney, Australia), and barbicanbite09 (London, UK).

*BILLY TWINKLE Requiem for a Golden Boy*, created and performed by Ronnie Burkett, runs from March 18 – April 11, 2010 with curtain times at 7:30 pm Tuesday through Saturday, and matinees at 2:00 pm on Sunday. Tickets start at \$22. Tickets can be bought online at [ATPlive.com](http://ATPlive.com) or by calling 403-294-7402.

A Media Call will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 1 p.m., with more information to follow.

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