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A Revolution of Free Love: *The Erotic Anguish of Don Juan* - Back by Popular Demand

Calgary, AB – Alberta Theatre Projects is proud to present *The Erotic Anguish of Don Juan*, by The Old Trout Puppet Workshop, with Vanessa Porteous, George Fenwick and Mercedes Bátiz-Benét, to the Calgary audience.

Don Juan, that infamous seducer, ended his life by being sucked into Hell for all eternity. He will now be dragged forth in chains to repent for his sins, and share the terrible tale of his life so that we may avoid his path. But does he repent?

This newly revised and award winning production is an exploration of the rapturous contradictions and agonizing ambiguity of love.

Duval Lang won the 2010 Sterling Award for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role of Don Juan and Cimmeron Meyer took the win for Outstanding Lighting Design for their work in *The Erotic Anguish of Don Juan*.

The first collaboration between Alberta Theatre Projects and The Old Trout Puppet Workshop occurred in 2004 with *Pinocchio*. The Old Trout Puppet Workshop is a company of artists dedicated to re-imagining the art form of puppetry, who work to explore the outer edges of the puppet medium, and to create original, unique, and exuberant art. Since their creation in 1999, they have toured productions nationally and internationally.

CAST and CREATIVE TEAM

Duval Lang: The Ghost of Don Juan

Brad Backenridge: The Devil

Don Brimsmead: Demonic Minion

Anne Lalancette: Demonic Minion

Vanessa Porteous: Director

Peter Balkwill: Co-Director, Co-Conceiver, Co-Writer
Pityu Kenderes: Co-Director, Co-Conceiver, Co-Writer
Judd Palmer: Co-Director, Co-Conceiver, Co-Writer
Mercedes Batiz-Benet: Co-Writer, Mexico Liason
George Fenwick: Composer
Cimмерon Meyer: Set & Lighting Design
Jen Gareau: Puppet Costume Design
Mitchell Craib: Stage Manager
T Crane: Production Management and Sound Engineering
Marcie Januska: Rehearsal Stage Manager

Audience Advisory: Puppet Nudity.

The Erotic Anguish of Don Juan by The Old Trout Puppet Workshop, with Vanessa Porteous, George Fenwick & Mercedes Batiz-Benet, runs from **March 29 – April 16, 2011**, with curtain times at 7:30 pm Tuesday through Saturday, and matinees at 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets start at \$23. Tickets can be bought online at ATPlive.com or by calling 403-294-7402.

A Media Call will be held on **March 29, 2011** at 12 p.m., with more information to follow.

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