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Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes celebrates 25th anniversary with *Penny Plain*

Calgary, AB – Alberta Theatre Projects is proud to present Ronnie Burkett's *Penny Plain* on the second stop of its National Tour, as Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Penny Plain sits in her overstuffed chair, listening to the news of civilizations inevitable end. When her companion dog Geoffrey leaves to live as a man, the outside chaos invades Penny's sanctuary. With a cast including survivalists, a serial killer, a cross-dressing banker, talking dogs and mysterious strangers, *Penny Plain* is a chilling apocalyptic gothic drawing room comedy of ill manners.

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. A 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.

"Ronnie Burkett is one of the geniuses of the world...seeing his troupe every few years has just become a necessity of civilized theatre going." THE VILLAGE VOICE (New York, NY, USA).

Penny Plain

Created and Performed by Ronnie Burkett

commissioned by

The Citadel Theatre (Edmonton, AB)

and co-commissioned by

The National Arts Centre (Ottawa, ON)

co-commissioning partners:

Alberta Theatre Projects (Calgary, AB)
The Cultch (Vancouver East Cultural Centre, Vancouver, BC)

Music by **John Alcorn**
Lighting Design by **Kevin Humphrey**
Stage Manager: **Crystal Salverda**

After the Alberta Theatre Projects performances, *Penny Plain* will continue to the following cities:

- Vancouver East Cultural Centre, Vancouver, November 17 – December 17, 2011
- Factory Theatre, Toronto, January 20 – February 26, 2012
- National Arts Centre, Ottawa, March 13 – April 1, 2012
- Place des Arts, Montreal, April 12 – 21, 2012

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Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes is exclusively presented by John Lambert & Assoc. www.johnlambert.ca (Montreal)

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