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Martial arts! Peking Opera! Musical Drama and an Iron Dragon! **LKTYP presents *The Forbidden Phoenix***

Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People is proud to present a new musical by Edmonton's **Marty Chan** and **Robert Walsh** – *The Forbidden Phoenix*. Combining classical Chinese and Western musical theatre forms, this fascinating play promises to burn up the deck of the Mainstage from February 2 to March 11, 2009.

The Forbidden Phoenix is loosely based on the experience of Chinese immigrants brought to Canada in the 1800s to work on the railroad. It is an enthralling story that weaves together elements of history, migration, diversity and environmentalism.

Sun Wukong is the Monkey King who is torn from his son Laosan and exiled to the West after displeasing the almighty Empress Dowager. Forced to work for the powerful Horne in Terminal City, he sets off to make his fortune. He need only conquer Gold Mountain and free the Iron Dragon to realize his dream of being reunited with his son.

This gripping fable is told in a fusion of martial arts, acrobatics, Peking Opera, and Western musical theatre. It is quite unlike anything you have seen before. It features both the comic antics of traditional Monkey King stories and the powerful tale of a father's sacrifice to provide for his family and his community.

Produced in partnership with **The Citadel Theatre**, Edmonton, *The Forbidden Phoenix* is directed by **Ron Jenkins** and features **Michael Dufays, Troy Feldman, Lori Nancy Kalamanski, Shannon Kook-Chun, Richard Lee, Colin Maier, Jonathan Purvis, Siobhan Richardson, Nadine Villasin and Jeff Yung**.

The Creative Team includes **Leslie Frankish**, Set & Costume Designer; **Laura Krewski**, Choreographer; **Michael Laird**, Sound Consultant; **William Lau**, Peking Opera Specialist/Teacher; **Narda McCarroll**, Lighting Designer; **Peter Moller**, Percussionist; **Adrian Young**, Fight Director; **Michelle Chan**, Stage Manager.

The Forbidden Phoenix

Book and lyrics by **Marty Chan**

Lyrics and music by **Robert Walsh**

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MAINSTAGE | Feb. 2 to Mar. 11, 2009

Opening: Wed. Feb. 5 at 7:00 PM | Media Opening at 1:00 PM

Recommended for ages 8 & up

Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People | 165 Front St. E., Toronto

Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$15 Kids (under 18) and Grandparents (Seniors 65+) | All prices include GST

BOX OFFICE: 416 862-2222 | Schedule and online tickets: lktyp.ca

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