



For immediate release

**ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S "THE 39 STEPS"  
SPIES, A BLONDE, AND A GUY KICK OFF OTTAWA'S NEW GLADSTONE THEATRE SEASON**

**Ottawa – AUGUST 30, 2011.** – An hilarious theatrical adaptation of Alfred Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps* kicks off The Gladstone Theatre's 2011-12 season on Wed. Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. at 8 pm. (Preview on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm).

Winner of the 2007 Olivier Award for best new comedy in London, *The 39 Steps* is a suspenseful-romantic-comedy, and is based on the 1935 movie by Alfred Hitchcock. The "family-fun" production offers tour de force performances by four of Ottawa's leading actors who portray nearly 100 characters during the show!

Ottawa actor AL Connors plays the suave hero Richard Hannay who learns from a beautiful spy about a plot of international espionage. The woman is killed in Hannay's flat and he suddenly finds himself caught up in a race from London to Scotland in hopes of stopping military secrets from being smuggled out of the country. As he searches for the secret of "The 39 Steps" he is doggedly pursued by the police who believe he is a murderer. Kate Smith plays *several* romantic interest, while the remaining multitude of characters (spies, policemen, children, inn keepers, traveling salesmen, and the occasional inanimate object) are played by just two actors – the talented Richard Gélinas and Zachary Council.

Leading the artistic team is director John P. Kelly – Ottawa's award-winning "go-to" director for staging outlandish and hilarious comedies and farce.

**UPCOMING MEDIA CALL**

The **Thurs. Sept. 1 (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM)** media call will feature *The 39 Steps* cast will be performing short, hilarious moments from the production. Director John P. Kelly will be on hand to answer questions about the production and The Gladstone's NEW "lease on life" and its 2011-12 Season.

**ABOUT THE GLADSTONE THEATRE**

910 Gladstone has been a venue for professional theatre in Ottawa since 1982, when it became the home of GCTC. In 2008, after GCTC moved to Wellington Street, a revitalized theatre opened, re-branded as The Gladstone, with the vision to bring accessible, thought-provoking and above all, entertaining professional theatre to Ottawa audiences.

In the spring of 2011, award-winning Ottawa theatre companies [SevenThirty Productions](#) and [Plosive Productions](#) assumed management of The Gladstone Theatre. Led by Artistic Directors John P. Kelly, Teri Loretto, Kel Parsons and David Whitely, The *New* Gladstone Theatre is presenting an exciting 2011-12 season of 8 productions.

For Single Tickets, Subscriptions or info. about upcoming shows, please call the box office at (613) 233-4523 or visit [www.thegladstone.ca](http://www.thegladstone.ca).

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