



For immediate release:

Cyrano de Bergerac **by Edmond Rostand**

Produced by Plosive Productions at The Gladstone Theatre

February 1-18 (preview January 31)

Swaggering swordsman, poet with an unmistakable panache, wonderfully witty, Cyrano de Bergerac.

But underneath his grandiose flourish and three-musketeer-style heroics lies an aching heart.

Though deeply in love with the stunning Roxane, Cyrano thinks himself too ugly to woo her. When he learns that Roxane has fallen in love with the ill-spoken but handsome Christian, Cyrano offers to woo Roxane on Christian's behalf. Roxane falls in love with Cyrano's tender words of affection, believing they belong to Christian. Not long after, the two men must answer the call to war...

Newly translated and directed by David Whiteley, the show features 12 of Ottawa's finest actors in this enduring tale of valour, sacrifice and true love. Richard Gélinas plays the title role with the charming Élise Gauthier as his Roxane.

MEDIA CALL

The Thursday, January 26 (3:30 PM) media call will feature the *Cyrano de Bergerac* cast performing short but grand moments from the production. Director David Whiteley will be present to answer questions about the production and The Gladstone's Winter 2012 season.

ABOUT THE GLADSTONE THEATRE

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

In 2011, award-winning Ottawa theatre companies [SevenThirty Productions](#) and [Plosive Productions](#) assumed management of The Gladstone Theatre. Following a highly successful first season of four productions, Plosive and SevenThirty have been joined by Black Sheep Theatre to present another four exciting shows for Winter 2012.

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