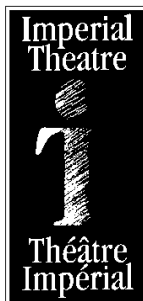


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Part of Imperial Theatre's Family Series
Old Thomas & the Little Fairy
Imperial Theatre — Saturday, October 31 at 2 p.m.

"Simply one of the best works for young audiences that I have ever seen. Children will adore the playful elements . . . and the piece is in itself an irresistible introduction to the world of dance." — La Presse, Montreal

Old Thomas is not only a grouch, he's also a grump and a gloomy-Gus. As Old Thomas takes a solitary stroll on the beach, he discovers a tiny, injured girl in the sand. Despite his cranky ways, Old Thomas decides to help the girl and, to his surprise, his life suddenly becomes filled with happiness. As he rediscovers joy and laughter, he can't help but wonder . . . could this special little girl be a fairy?

Coming to Imperial Theatre on Saturday, October 31 at 2 p.m., **Old Thomas & the Little Fairy** is a perfect introduction to the world of storytelling and dance — it is a performance that will captivate the little ones and thrill their older siblings with an unforgettable tale, its gruff-yet-likable character and the dainty girl who changed his life forever.

Inspired by the popular children's book written by Dominique Demers, **Old Thomas & the Little Fairy** is an enchanting performance choreographed by Hélène Langevin that seamlessly unites storytelling with the power of dance. Set against a video backdrop, the ocean in its many states (calm, angry, brooding and serene) sets the scene to echo Old Thomas' transformation from grumbling meanie to gentle man.

Bouge de là was founded in 2000 under the artistic direction of Hélène Langevin and is one of the few professional dance companies in Quebec that dedicates itself entirely to the creation of choreographic works for young audiences. The company presents contemporary dance works that draw upon a variety of disciplines such as video, acrobatics, theatre and shadow play, among others. Filled with humour and poetry, each performance seeks to create a lasting impression and show children the sheer pleasure of movement.

Artist Web site: www.bougedela.org

A charming, touching tale, **Old Thomas & the Little Fairy** is appropriate for the whole family — including kids *and* kids at heart! Coming to Imperial Theatre on Saturday, October 31 at 3 p.m., tickets are \$14 and can be purchased online at www.imperialtheatre.nb.ca, by visiting Imperial Theatre Box Office, or by calling 674-4100 (or 1-800-323-SHOW for out-of-town callers). Babes 12 months and under are welcome in arms to this performance without a ticket.

Ghosts and goblins welcome!

Families are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to see **Old Thomas & The Little Fairy**, and then hit the Uptown Trick-or-Treat Trail after the show! Fun for the whole family, Uptown Trick-or-Treating will start after the performance (the list of participating retailers will be distributed after the show) and end at 5 p.m. A new Halloween tradition in the making, the Uptown Trick-or-Treat Trail encourages families to dress up and spend Halloween afternoon in Uptown Saint John.

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