AUTHOR & DIRECTOR NOTES

Every couple of decades or so, in films, books, TV, and theater, a "new" take on a much loved and cherished "old" legend arrives on the scene.

Now, I believe these "new" approaches only strengthen the underlying source material, but for some, the tampering…the revision…the extension… seems to come close to heresy.

However, if the "new" take is entertaining, and honest, and spirited and still in keeping with the original source material, it can be… well, thrilling.

So, sit back, and relax, and hopefully be thrilled by this "new" take – our "now" – remember the "then" you once loved, and reserve your seats for the Mountaineers next production of *Robin Hood* in 2017, which, if we're worth our salt, will be a revival of our "new now" – and then look forward to their version in 2027, which will probably be someone's new take on our "now" – which by 2027, will be a much loved and cherished "then."

—***Martin Charnin***, lyricist

If there is one word that everyone involved in theater can identify with it is PROCESS. It is that minor miracle of a production that begins with words on a page and musical notes on a sheet – and ends with the eventual creation of a reality on stage.

I would like to pay tribute to my partners. My inspiration as a composer came first by the exuberant enthusiasm and youthful creative energy of Martin Charnin and his long-time partner Thomas Meehan. My job was to write music to support the moments of emotion or excitement in the story the two of them dreamed up. The fact that Martin and Tom made Robin Hood into a father gave this timeless tale a new spin that put me, as a composer, into the most exciting roller-coaster ride of my career.

My first musical success in Canada was about Joan of Arc, one of history's best known heroines. There is a similarity to the heroine of this tale. She became my muse and my guardian angel during our creative process.

Martin and Tom are two of this country's most respected theater writers and I am proud to be part of their creative team. I am forever grateful to them and to the whole team of the Mountaineers Players for bringing *Robin Hood – The Legend Continues* to life on stage at the Kitsap Forest Theater.

—***Peter Sipos***, composer

Robin of Sherwood was the first show performed in this space in 1923, and 20 years ago the Players presented an original production of *Robin Hood, The Musical*, recounting Robin's well known tale. This new production, picking up the story 20 years later, tells the story of the growing love between father and child and shows the handing off of traditions from one generation to the next.

The Kitsap Forest Theater reflects this theme of generations working together to create good in the world. Many of the actors on this stage today, and in years past, have literally grown up performing in and working on the plays performed here each spring for the last 84 years. What's more, many of you in the audience have also grown up in this theater, making it a family tradition to come to the spring show.

I can't think of a better show to usher us into a new era at the Kitsap Forest Theater. We are proud to announce, coming in August, our first summer show – *The Fantasticks*. In July of 2008 we will offer a kids summerstock program. And, this wonderful space will now be available for local groups to present their works. All of this will enrich our local community. The legend continues.

—***Craig Schieber***, director

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The Mountaineers Players & Sherwood ~~Kitsap~~ Forest Theater

present a new musical by
Martin Charnin, Thomas Meehan & Peter Sipos

Robin Hood

...the legend continues

May 27, 28
June 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 2007
2:00 p.m.

Director: Craig Schieber
Music Director: Tom Randall
Accompanist: Debbie Valenta
Choreographer: Guy Caridi
Fight Choreographers: Ken Michels & Don Parris
Costume Designer: Mary Duckering
Set Designers: Will Gray & Scott Baker

Robin Hood – The Legend Continues
A New Musical
Book by **Thomas Meehan**
Lyrics by **Martin Charnin**
Music by **Peter Sipos**
presented through special arrangement with the authors

Robin Hood -The Legend Continues

Synopsis of Scenes & Musical Numbers

Act One

Overture: Scenes from Nottinghamshire, 1194 – 1214

Scene 1: Robin Hood's bedroom in the ruins of Locksley Hall
December 31, 1214; twilight
I Hate England ..... Robin Hood, Will, Alan, Phink
Weep, Woodsmen, Weep ..... Robin, Marian, Will, Alan, Phink
His Love Will Find Its Way ..... Marian, Elizabeth

Scene 2: Throne room, King John's palace, London
New Year's Eve, 1214; 9:00 pm
All Hail King John ..... All in the Court
We Love Your Being King ..... King John, Isabella, All in the Court
We love Your Being King (reprise) ..... King John, All in the Court

Scene 3: Banquet hall in ruins of Locksley Hall – later that night
In Our Greener Days ..... Robin, Marian, Merrie Men, Women
The Flower of Your Seed ..... Elizabeth

Scene 4: A Sherwood Forest camp – January 1, 1215; early evening
Where Are the Heroes Now? Marian, Young Merrie Men, Elizabeth

Scene 5: Throne room in King John's palace – January 5th
Scarlet Bird ..... Elizabeth, Will Jr., Alan Jr., Tuck,
..... King John, Isabella & All

Scene 6: Exterior of King John's palace – January 6th
Clear a Path for the Lepers/The Rescue ..... Young Merrie Men

Scene 7: Sherwood Forest camp – later that day
Why Do You Not Love Me? ..... Marian, Elizabeth
Flower of Your Seed (reprise) ..... Marian

Act Two

Scene 1: Sherwood Forest camp – several months later
In Our Greener Days (reprise) ..... Elizabeth, Young Merrie Men
Love Lives Again ..... Robin & Marian

Scene 2: Hempstead Heath, the Conclave of the Barons – days later
A Pin in the Eye ..... King John, McKendrick, Barons
What's Going On Here? ..... Elizabeth & Will, Jr.

Scene 3: Another part of Sherwood Forest – later the same night
I Leave Her Up to You ..... Marian

Scene 4: Sherwood Forest camp – dawn

Scene 5: Hempstead Heath, Conclave of Barons – later the same morning
A Little Piece of England ..... Elizabeth, Will Jr., Will Scarlet, Alan

Scene 6: Counting Room of Royal Treasury, King's castle – June 14, 1215

Scene 7: Runnymede – A meadow on the shore of the Thames – June 15, 1215
The Magna Carta ..... Company
Love Lives Again (reprise) ..... Company
Robin's Farewell ..... Robin

Epilogue: Sherwood Forest – Six years later, June, 15, 1221
Epilogue ..... Elizabeth

Cast of Characters

Robin Hood ..... Eric Emans
Marian ..... Abigail Taylor
Elizabeth ..... Ashleigh Emmons
King John ..... Walt Foster
Queen Isabella ..... Ila Faubion
Sheriff of Nottingham ..... Craig McCoy

Merrie Men
Will Scarlet ..... Jamie Estill
Alan-A-Dale ..... Brian Lindvall
Phink ..... Steve Rose

Young Merrie Men
Will Scarlet Jr. ..... Cooper Harris-Turner
Friar Tuck Jr. ..... Isa Farnik
Alan-A-Dale Jr. ..... Stuart Baker
Little John's son ..... Daniel Baker
Cheek ..... Lina Brown*

Barons
McKendrick, Baron of Northumberland ..... Don Parris*
Baron of Suffolk/Chamberlain/Merrie Man ..... Mick Etchoe*
Baron of Cumberland/Guard ..... Will Gray
Baron of Kent/Guard ..... Doug Cottrill
Baron of Leicester/Guard/Townsperson ..... Jim Turner
Baron of Norfolk/Guard ..... Scott Baker
Baroness of Wessex/Merrie Wife ..... Martha Eby
Baroness of Westminster/Merrie Wife ..... Gail Foster
Royal Treasurer/Merrie Wife ..... Nicole Cooper
Lady/Merrie Wife/Townsperson ..... Carrie Parris
Queen's Handmaiden ..... Susan Coran*
Queen's Handmaiden ..... Valerie Foster*
Herald/Guard ..... Miranda Eby*
Herald/Guard ..... Sarah Gray*
Guard ..... Kim McCoy*
Guard/Townsperson ..... Ray Puddicombe
Servant/Guard ..... Kate Reinert*
Servant/Townsperson ..... Marion Allred*
Servant/Townsperson ..... Melinda Bunnage*
Young Elizabeth/Young Boy ..... Katelyn Cooper

***Greenshow at the Trailhead** ..... Ray Bunnage, Jonna Coran,
..... Laura Eby, Luke Reinert, Taylor Turner-Lipson

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Choreographer ..... **Guy Caridi**
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Assistant Fight Choreographer ..... **Don Parris**

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