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### Legal Benefit explores moral truth and personal discovery

**Windsor, ON** – The Actors Theatre of Windsor (ATW) and the Sexual Assault Crisis Centre (SACC) today announced details of its third annual Legal Benefit, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, to be held on Saturday, February 21 at 7:30 pm, and on Sunday, February 22 at 2:00 pm at the Chrysler Theatre.

*To Kill A Mocking Bird* by Christopher Sergel, with permission of Dramatic Publishing, is based on the 1961 Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Harper Lee. *To Kill a Mockingbird* explores prejudice, selfishness, self-respect, and courage and is set against the backdrop of the deep South in the 1930s. Delivering a staged reading of one of the greatest legal dramas of all time, members of Windsor's legal community will done costumes and take to the stage to help raise monies for the Benefit which supports the Windsor Fringe, The Sexual Assault Crisis Centre, The Windsor Star's Raise a Reader Program, and The University of Windsor.

ATW's Legal Benefit introduces the audience to a stellar cast of local legal practitioners including Peter Hrastovec as Atticus Finch; Jay Armeland; Mario Carnevale; Victoria Cross; Michael Drake; Bruck Easton; Kenneth W. Golish; Ken Marley; Linda McCurdy; Justice Saul Nosanchuk; Joseph Vernon; and Owen D. Thomas.

Members of the Windsor's Theatre and Academic Communities supporting our legal cast in this Benefit are Clinton Hammond; Aaron Hrastovec; Kevin Johnson, Kendal McKinney, Phyllis Lewis; Gordon Mackenzie; Jacqueline Mackenzie; Ellie Moon; Jeffrey Noonan; Barbara Peirce-Marshall; Ellie Moon; Stephen Pender; and Zachary Vreman.

"This powerful play reminds us all of the responsibility we have to one another," says Mona el Baroudi, Artistic Director, Actors Theatre of Windsor. "It's a classical story of moral complexity, wisdom and human decency and of one man's heroism in his quest for justice. Who better to deliver that message than our very own legal practitioners."

Advance tickets for *To Kill a Mockingbird* are now on sale and start at \$15 each . Tickets can be purchased online at [www.actorstheatrefwindsor.com](http://www.actorstheatrefwindsor.com), by phone at 519-252-6579 or 1-800.387.918, and in person at the Chrysler Theatre Box Office, 201 Riverside Drive West, Windsor (Ferry Street entrance). Box Office hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. The admission price includes the After Glow Reception which features appetizers, a cash bar and the opportunity to mix and mingle with members of Windsor's legal fraternity.

The Actors Theatre of Windsor (ATW) is a registered professional not-for-profit theatre company committed to developing a viable professional entertainment industry in Southwestern Ontario and Southeastern Michigan. ATW's public programming has two primary components: ATW Main Stage - professional theatre featuring seasonal shows; and ATW Actors Umbrella - community outreach programming encompassing the production of the annual Windsor International Fringe Festival, and the regional What's On! arts and cultural calendar.

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