



***Playing with Fire: The Theo Fleury Story* skates onto the Neptune stage**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Halifax, NS – October 9, 2018 – The puck drops in Halifax next week as the exhilarating, heart-breaking, and triumphant true story of Canadian hockey legend, Theoren Fleury takes to the stage in *Playing with Fire: The Theo Fleury Story*.

Media Call Notice:

Tuesday, October 16: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Fountain Hall, [1593 Argyle Street](#)

All members of the media are welcome to attend for photo, video and interview opportunities.

Please confirm interview requests with Jennifer MacNeil (jmacneil@neptunetheatre.com).

Based on the best-selling biography and developed with Fleury himself, *Playing with Fire*, tells the story of how a 5'6" Metis from Manitoba beat all challenges to become an NHL star. Playing in over 1,000 games and scoring over 1,000 points, Fleury won a Stanley Cup and an Olympic gold medal with Team Canada.

"When programming an entire season, an artistic director looks for originality, story, spectacle and heart," said **Jeremy Webb**, Neptune's Artistic Director. "When Shaun first told me of this play, it checked all of those boxes and I had to have it play on the Neptune stage."

Staring **Shaun Smyth** as Theo Fleury, *Playing with Fire: The Theo Fleury Story* is a powerful one man show performed entirely on hockey skates, on an onstage hockey rink. Produced by Persephone Theatre, it premiered at the Alberta Theatre Projects in 2012 and, to date, has earned rave reviews and wowed theatre-goers and hockey fans in cities across the country including Edmonton, Winnipeg and Montreal.

Joining director **Ron Jenkins** on the creative team is Set and Lighting Designer **David Fraser**, (Sound Designer and Composer) **Matthew Skopyk** and (Costume Designer) **Juli Elkiw**, (Projection Designer) **Corwin Ferguson**, (Lighting Director) **Dean Cowieson**, (Stage Manager) **Melanie Rogowski** and (Assistant Stage Manager) **Tessa Pেকেles**. Persephone Theatre touring staff includes (Tour Manager and Technical Director) **Roger Lantz** and (Persephone Theatre Technical Director) **Jody Longworth**.

Playing with Fire: The Theo Fleury Story opens on the Fountain Hall stage with three preview performances next week – the Pay What You Can Performance on October 16, and two preview shows on Wednesday and Thursday night, before opening night on Friday, October 19.

Tickets can be purchased online at neptunetheatre.com, by phone at 902-429-7070 or toll-free 1-800-565-7345, or in person at the Box Office, [1593 Argyle Street](#). Find out more about Neptune Theatre on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube channel NeptuneHFX.

Neptune Theatre kicked off its 56th season with the summer production Argyle Street Kitchen Party. The 2018-19 season features a diverse playbill of dramas, comedies, musicals and premieres. Located on Argyle Street, in the heart of Halifax's theatre and entertainment district, Neptune boasts two newly renovated stages: Fountain Hall and Scotiabank Stage, plus a year-round theatre school.

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