

Gilmore Theatre Company presents

Inspiration Stump

at the 2008 Toronto Fringe Festival



Written and Directed by Janet Banks

It's midnight at Inspiration Stump, in the ancient forest near Merry Dale. Supernaturals shake and shimmer in their eagerness to be summoned by resident world famous psychics. But one of these spirits is not like the others. Being immortal isn't all it's cracked up to be and life's hard for Ralph as his gluttony for all things human place him at odds with God and the Fates. Called to Merry Dale against his will, he's Kate's destiny (a.k.a her fate, her soul), she's killed her brother and he's okay with that. She's suicidal, he's irritated, and Lily Munster mediates as these two find their way back to each other. And if the bold and impossible are what's called for, Ralph will do it -- in order to save Kate's soul, continue living, get the girl, and specifically deliver that invaluable commodity that every human being (not to mention spirit guide, god and, yes, even demon) requires: fulfillment.

Inspiration Stump, the third play in a trilogy, is inspired by the book *The Soul's Code: In Search of Character and Calling*, written by James Hillman, a psychologist who challenges the assumptions of Western psychology by applying the ancient concept of "soul" to the modern psyche, and by **Lily Dale**, a spiritualist community of the Modern Spiritualist movement located in Chautauqua County, New York, USA.

Bringing these Supernaturals to life are seasoned professionals: Alan Lee who was involved with the well-received Fringe and Summerworks hit, *Desperate Housepets*. Kathryn Romanow, one of the talents behind the troupe, *Les Coquettes Nouveau Burlesque* (www.lescoquettes.com), Nicole St. Martin, soon to be seen in a new series *Cold Blood* airing in the UK and on Global TV in the fall, and Lorne Hiro, one of the leads of the politically charged dramatic short film, *Rebirth*.

Directed by Janet Banks who has written twelve plays; this is her third play showcased at the Toronto Fringe. A mature Fringer at the age of 51, she is also the General Manager of a Global Interactive Agency aligned with a world leading medical publishing corporation.

Location: ROYAL ST. GEORGE, 120 Howland Avenue (North of Bloor)

Dates and Times: Wed. July 2nd, 10:00pm; Sat. July 5th, 5:15pm;

Mon. July 7th, 6:45pm; Tues. July 8th, 12:45pm; Thurs. July 10th, 2:00pm;

Sat. July 12th, 8:45pm; Sun. July 13th, 1:45pm.

Ticket price \$10

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