

THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Opening in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver theatres

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February 21, 2017 (Toronto) - In this heart-warming story full of hope, dreams and second chances, two seniors meet and discover that it's never too late to fall in love again. Already an audience favourite at numerous festivals, including the Whistler Film Festival, U.K. International Jewish Film Festival, Atlanta JFF, and more - **THE SECOND TIME AROUND** opens **March 24 in Toronto at The Varsity Cinema; in Montreal at the Forum; and in Vancouver at the Fifth Avenue.**



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Katherine Mitchell (Linda Thorson), a widowed yet vibrant senior, wasn't looking for love a second time - not at her age, and certainly not with grumpy Isaac Shapiro (Stuart Margolin). Despite the nose-y bunch of seniors in the residence where Katherine convalesces after breaking her hip, she and Isaac warm to each other over their shared love of music. Against unforeseen obstacles, their love blooms and together they set out to fulfill Katherine's lifelong dream of going to the opera in Milan.

THE SECOND TIME AROUND is directed by Leon Marr, with original screenplay by Leon Marr and Sherry Soules. Marr made his mark on the international film scene with the acclaimed *Dancing in the Dark*, which premiered at the 1986 Cannes Film Festival and went on to win three Genie Awards, including Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Actress for Martha Henry.

BAFTA Award-winner, Linda Thorson, and two-time Emmy Award-winner, Stuart Margolin, lead a talented cast of veteran Canadian actors, including Louis del Grande, Jayne Eastwood, Paul Soles and — in his final role — Don Francks. Together they beautifully deliver an authentic story about aging - be it about family and friendships; dependence and independence; or loss and love, including the possibility of intimacy and even sex - with honesty and humour, shattering our assumptions about aging.

THE SECOND TIME AROUND also comes alive through its music. The story is woven together with soaring operatic arias from Puccini, Mozart, Verdi and Bizet; as well as heart-felt Yiddish folk songs and modern classics which express the inner yearnings and emotions of the characters.

Linda Thorson is a multi-talented Canadian actress whose career spans screen, stage and television. She is fondly remembered for her role as 'Tara King' in the iconic British TV series, *The Avengers*. Film credits include *Sweet Liberty*, opposite Michael Caine; *The Man on the Train*, opposite Donald Sutherland; and Ken Russell's *Valentino*, opposite Rudolph Nureyev. She is also an award-winning stage actress best known for her performances in *Steaming*, *Noises Off* and *No Sex Please, We're British*. Most recently, she was in productions of *August: Osage County* and *Other Desert Cities*.

Award-winning actor and director, Stuart Margolin, has had an illustrious career in feature film, television, and theatre. Among his many feature film credits are *Days of Heaven*, directed by Terrence Malick. He has appeared in over 100 television shows, including *The Rockford Files* for which he won two Best Supporting Actor Emmys, playing James Garner's former cellmate 'Angel'. Other credits include *The Republic of Doyle*, *Da Vinci's Inquest*, *Hill Street Blues*, *Magnum P.I.*, *Mary Tyler Moore*, and *M.A.S.H.* In 2012, he won a Canadian Screen Award for Best Supporting Comedy Actor for *Call Me Fritz*.

The film is produced by Leon Marr and Sherry Soules, and is executive produced by Carlo Liconti, Bo Ko and Robert Tersigni. The Director of Photography is Ludek Bogner; the Production Designer is Gavin Mitchell; and the Editor is Saul Pincus. The film's all-Canadian supporting cast also includes seasoned actors Laura de Carteret, Jocelyne Zucco, Martha Gibson, Gene Mack, Alec Stockwell, Bruce Gooch, David Sparrow and Richard Waugh; and introduces Alexis Harrison.

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