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## Bethany College hosts fabulous evening of great dessert and drama

On the weekend of Oct 31 – Nov 2, Bethany College Fall Theatre presented Joseph Robinette’s dramatization of C.S. Lewis’s *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Over the three days, 1470 guests joined over 30 cast and crew in stepping through a wardrobe and into Narnia – a kingdom of talking animals and mythical creatures stuck in a never-ending winter without Christmas, awaiting the return of the true king.

This year, a Friday matinee was added, bringing the total number of performances for the weekend to five. The new matinee saw over 270 students, teachers, and chaperones attend the show, representing seven different schools – VCA, Waldheim, Dalmeny, Hepburn, LCBI, RJC and Riverbend Colony.

Prior to the show, guests had the choice of savoring a delicious “White Queen Vanilla Cake” or a “Chocolate Faun Cake” with fruit and topping prepared by Bethany’s food service staff. Adding a regular coffee, tea or a specialty coffee from Cultura Espresso Bar completed a fabulous evening of great dessert and great drama.

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All guests were treated to a captivating night of theatre as the combination of creative lighting, haunting live music, an amazing set, and superb acting brought the allegorical fairy tale to life. Elaborate costumes, masks and detailed make-up turned the actors and actresses into the creatures of Narnia: lions, beavers, fauns, centaurs, unicorns, wolves and wood-nymphs. One could not help but be drawn in through the wardrobe by the four main characters and into the adventure that awaited them on the other side. There they learned the value of family, faithfulness, loyalty, and sacrifice and the audience caught a glimpse of God’s forgiveness, humility, and His love for all created things.



The performance was Bethany’s way of marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of C.S. Lewis. Widely recognized as one of the most influential spokesmen for Christianity in the world, Lewis presented the Christian message through

various creative genres – fantasy, allegory, science fiction, and apologetics. The Chronicles of Narnia series of books, of which “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” was the first published, opened a window to an alternate reality in which readers are invited to view the Biblical narrative of creation, fall, and redemption in a new light.

See our website under News and Events / Fall Theatre for more photos of the elaborate colors, costumes, make-up, and masks prepared for this production ([www.bethany.sk.ca](http://www.bethany.sk.ca)).



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