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 **MERGATROYD**
PRODUCTIONS presents

TAM LIN

A HALLOWEEN TALE OF MAGIC AND SEDUCTION

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY N.G. McCLEARNAN

THEATER FIVE OCTOBER 8 – 30, 2005

311 W. 43rd Street, New York, NY

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Magic, swordfights, romance, and the Elizabethan bed-trick – **TAM LIN** is like “Lord of the Rings” with sex (and haggis). Based on the Scottish ballad of the same name, **TAM LIN** is a romantic comedy for Halloween and an annual event. This season marks the fourth consecutive Manhattan production of **TAM LIN**, performed this year at Theater Five, 311 W. 43rd Street (between 8th & 9th Avenues) from October 8th through 30th.

TAM LIN is a rarity among the world’s great fairy tales – a boy is kidnapped to be the consort of the Queen of the Faeries, and a girl must rescue him while she’s pregnant with his child (conceived out of wedlock). That may explain why Disney has never touched the story.

Scholars believe that the ballad of Tam Lin dates back at least to the 1500s. Nevertheless, the ballad’s heroine is far more independent-minded than a typical fairy-tale princess. She insists on choosing a man for herself, rather than marry a knight her father has chosen, and she does not shrink from rescuing Tam Lin in spite of the dangers. But there are some mysteries in the song: does the Queen of the Faeries really plan to send Tam Lin to hell? Why does she allow him to threaten the virginity of lassies traveling through the Forest of Carterhaugh? And why does Janet go to the Forest of Carterhaugh in the first place? The play’s author answers these questions, as well as adding new elements: a clan war; jealous, sword-wielding Elven knights; and Janet’s lady-in-waiting Margaret, who woos Janet’s rejected fiancé in her own creative way.

Directed by author N.G. McClellan (*Monkey’s Paw 2000, Blue State Plays*), **TAM LIN** features Troy Acree, Len Childers, Christina Dunham, Mike Durell, Jason Hare, Talaura Harms, Nick Lowe, Nancy Nagrant, Skid Maher, and Randi Sobol. The set design is by Mergatroyd Productions and The Art Department; costume design by Cherie Cunningham (Elven costumes, Janet costume) and Carla Gant (human costumes); lighting design by Karen Sweeney; and sound design by Rich Baker. **Tam Lin** is produced by Jonathan Xavier Flagg and presented by Mergatroyd Productions.

TAM LIN will play 14 performances: October 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 at 8:00PM. Matinees on October 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 3:00PM. **TAM LIN** will play at Theater Five, 311 w. 43rd Street, (between Eighth and Ninth Avenues).

Via Subway, take the 1/9/2/3 or A/C/E trains to 42nd Street. Tickets are \$30. Senior and student discount tickets are \$15. Tickets and information are available now through TheaterMania, (212) 352-3101. Visit the official website at www.tamlin-online.com.

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