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**AL SIMMONS TOURING PROVINCE
WITH ONE-MAN SHOW:
THE BARBER OF SEVILLE
NOVEMBER 1 -15**

Presented by Manitoba Opera

Everyone's favourite children's performer, Al Simmons has hit the road this month with his 45-minute version of the classic comic opera, *The Barber of Seville*. Presented by Manitoba Opera, this one-man show will be visiting 12 communities for 18 performances from November 1 to 15, 2016.

Show schedule: Portage la Prairie/Oakville(Nov.1), Neepawa/Gladstone (Nov. 2), Dauphin (Nov. 3), Swan River (Nov. 4), The Pas (Nov. 5/7), Flin Flon (Nov.8), Wabowden (Nov. 9), Thompson (Nov. 10/12), Grand Rapids (Nov.14), and Gypsumville (Nov. 15).

"Who better than Al Simmons to introduce kids to the wonderful comedy of Rossini's madcap opera? He's the master of the one-man show and, of course, kids love him," commented Larry Desrochers, General Director & CEO.

In this comical look at love, greed, deceit, and...close shaves, Al gives us the bald facts. It appears that Rosina is in love with the Count who is pretending to be someone else and Figaro, the jack-of-all-trades town barber, is having a bad hair day. Al heightens the hilarity of *The Barber of Seville* as he plays ALL the characters. Now that is a jack-of-all-trades!

AL SIMMONS:

The popular Manitoba-based performer has been in the entertainment business for close to 50 years and is likely Canada's most versatile comedian, instantly morphing from Scotsman to eye doctor and Parisian bon vivant to rock star. His creative genius, charm and humanity have won over a legion of fans at theatres and festivals around the world. His highly original performances of profound wackiness and array of off-the-wall inventions takes the arts of music and comedy to unparalleled heights of hilarity.