



Township 7

Vineyards & Winery

***Wilde at the Winery: Township 7 Winery & Twisted Tree Theatre Present***  
*"The Importance of Being Earnest" this Summer in the Okanagan*

NARAMATA, BC – August 19, 2010 – Township 7 Vineyards & Winery and Twisted Tree Theatre/Bare Bones Production have partnered to produce Oscar Wilde's most notorious and enduringly popular play *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Performances run from the end of August to mid September for only \$20 per ticket with 10% of all proceeds from ticket sales in support of the Rotary Okanagan International Children's Festival. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy Township 7 wines. A highly acclaimed British Columbia winery, Township 7 produces handcrafted wines in small lots from the finest vineyards in the Okanagan and Fraser Valley.



First produced over a century ago in London on Valentine's Day in 1895, the play was forced to close after only 83 performances due to Wilde's notoriously biting wit and flamboyant lifestyle. Set in late Victorian England, the play revolves around switched identities, and the humour derives in part from characters maintaining fictitious identities to escape unwelcome social obligations. It is infused with witty dialogue and satirizes the conventions and hypocrisy of the time.

Performances at Township 7 will be held amongst the vines in their picturesque Naramata winery at 1450 McMillan Avenue on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Open seating commences at 5:30, with the play beginning at 6:30 pm. Get *Wilde at the Winery* and purchase their tickets through Twisted Tree Theatre Company at 604-803-1166 [jen@twistedtreetheatre.com](mailto:jen@twistedtreetheatre.com) or Township 7 at 250-770-1743 or [wine@township7.com](mailto:wine@township7.com).

"Over the past several years we have dramatically increased our event activities in both our Naramata and Langley wineries to create an entertainment destination that actively supports and promotes community organizations," said Mike Raffan, Proprietor Township 7. "Our employees are very involved with the local arts and when Jen Viens, one of our long time Tasting Room associates, approached us about holding their first Oscar Wilde production at Township 7, we immediately agreed to host them. We will be holding more concerts and theatre productions in the coming years in both our Okanagan and Fraser Valley locations."

"Twisted Tree Theatre has been yearning to stage outdoor theatre for a very long time. When the opportunity came up for us to produce *Earnest*, we knew immediately that Township 7 would be a perfect fit. Not only do they have great wine, and an incredible setting, the 'feel' of the winery matches so well with Twisted Tree Theatre," said Jen Viens, Producer, Twisted Tree Theatre Company. "Township 7 offers a friendly, comfortable, casual experience in its wine shop, with a focus on connecting with the community and its customers. That is exactly what Twisted Tree Theatre is all about!"

#### **ABOUT TWISTED TREE**

Twisted Tree Theatre is a vibrant young theatre company whose members are dedicated to sharing their passion for theatre and the stage with their community. The company's energetic staff focuses on producing high-quality, entertaining and accessible live theatre; drama programming and instruction; and community support to foundations and organizations with a focus on children and the arts. Twisted Tree Theatre has produced such shows as *The Santaland Diaries*, *My Cup Ranneth Over*, and *The Vagina Monologues* to name a few. Aside from its focus on live theatre, Twisted Tree Theatre provides programming and instruction in performance arts to kids of all ages; anywhere from 3 to 93! Classes and courses run the gamut of topics, from improv and clowning, to script writing and film. Whether you are learning about the craft, or relaxing at a performance, we want you to feel at ease, enriched, and in-the-moment. [www.twistedtreetheatre.com](http://www.twistedtreetheatre.com)

#### **ABOUT TOWNSHIP 7 VINEYARDS & WINERY**

Founded in 2001, Township 7's acclaimed handcrafted wines are produced in small lots from the best vineyards from our winery on the Naramata Bench, in the south Okanagan Valley, and from vineyards at our winery in the Fraser Valley. Our boutique winery is committed to creating exceptional wines that are complex, flavourful and well balanced. The Langley wine shop is housed in the beautiful south Langley countryside in a quaint building reminiscent of the many riding stables in the neighbourhood. Our Okanagan wine shop is surrounded by 7 acres of vines on the picturesque Naramata Bench and offers visitors the opportunity to see the workings of the winery first hand. Both locations are open year round. [www.township7.com](http://www.township7.com)

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