

# Faust Festival

**Arts Centre** Fri 29-June 20

Walk into Faust International's office this week, and you won't find a single soul. Instead, they're all down at the Arts Centre's McAulay Studio, frantically preparing for the Faust Festival. "They're all fantastic," says Claire Glover, general

manager of Faust International. "All of our children have been working very hard."

Boasting 23 productions in total, all of Faust's youngsters (aged 4-16) have been busy rehearsing since Easter for the festival, the annual blowout that ends 12 months of hard work, and kicks off summer with a bang. "We've got everything from traditional folktales, to pieces that

have been devised by the group, and pieces written for the festival," says Glover, about the 2009 lineup.

Amongst the vast selection of plays will be *Tom Sawyer*, *The Wind in the Willows*, and Faust's very own character, kid detective Kip Marlowe (son of Philip, no doubt), who returns in *Kip Marlowe and the Stolen Circus*. A highlight this year is *Saturday Night Live!*, a set of improv skits based on the hit American TV show. "It's going to be current, topical, and funny," says Glover. In addition, for the first time this year Faust has added two adult productions of children's classics. *Peter and the Wolf* and *The Secret Garden* will be directed by Faust International's Director Matthew Gregory, debuting at the festival before embarking on a territory-wide schools tour.

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**Child's play** Kids act their hearts out

