



SUSAN FERLEY  
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**Susan Ferley joins Eldon House  
175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations**

**LONDON, ONTARIO – February 10 2010** – In true celebration of Valentine’s Day, Susan Ferley, Artistic Director of The Grand Theatre, will take part in Eldon House’s 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities with a presentation this **Sunday, Feb.14 at 2 p.m.** in the **Lecture Theatre at Museum London.**

*Romance at Eldon House: A playful look at love, courtship and marriage* will explore the Harris family, the original owners of Eldon House, comparing their lives with those of the Bennet family of Jane Austen’s classic novel, *Pride and Prejudice*.

“It has been exciting for me to learn more about London history, Eldon House, the Harris family and especially Amelia Harris and her seven marriageable daughters,” Ferley says. “There certainly are some striking similarities to the lives of Mrs. Bennet and her five daughters in *Pride and Prejudice*.”

**To reserve your free tickets to this event, please call Museum London at (519) 661-0333.**

**Pride and Prejudice at The Grand Theatre**

A spirited and playful story of love and life in the English countryside, *Pride and Prejudice* runs from March 10 to April 3 at The Grand Theatre. With five eligible daughters, Mrs. Bennet is frantically searching for suitable husbands. But finding a husband for the lively and quick-witted Elizabeth may be challenging when she rejects the advances of dark and mysterious Mr. D’Arcy. For more information on *Pride and Prejudice* at The Grand, please call The Grand Theatre Box Office at (519) 672-8800 or visit [grandtheatre.com](http://grandtheatre.com).

**Eldon House is 175 years old**

Eldon House was built for John and Amelia Harris in 1834, who moved into it with their eight children. Set on a piece of high ground overlooking the forks of the Thames, near the District courthouse, which still stands today, this home has been open to public visitors since 1960, when it was gifted to the city as a museum. Londoners can be proud of this important piece of architecture and its upkeep, making this home one of the premier heritage properties in Ontario. A variety of celebrations marking this special anniversary continue through August, 2010. For more information on Eldon House, please call (519) 661-0333 or visit [eldonhouse.ca](http://eldonhouse.ca).

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