

Peace River Zone

Festival of Plays May 12-16, 2009



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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Adjudicator: Michael Armstrong

May 12 – 7 pm: The Melancholy Minstrel

by Cynthia Livingstone

Presented by the Fort St. John Players

Directed by Cynthia Livingstone

May 12 -- 8:45: The Spot

by Steven Dietz

Presented by the North Peace Players Directed by Jennifer Baloc

May 13 – 7 pm: Einstein

by Willard Simms

Presented by Bridge To Broadway Directed by Dennis Szalai

May 14 – 7 pm: Rabbit Hole

by David Lindsay-Abaire

Presented by Stage North Directed by Rob Laventure

May 15 – 8 pm: The Marriage Counselor

by Joey Oellette

Presented by Dionysus Directed by Darcy Frost

May 16 – 7 pm: The Forgotten House

by Erin Hanna

Presented by the Grizzly Valley Players Directed by Erin Hanna

May 16 – 8:30: Improv Theatre

with Stage North

AWARDS CEREMONY

There will be a Social time open in the Loft before and after the shows as well as during all intermissions!

Message from the TheatreBC Chair: John Stuart



On behalf of the board of Theatre BC, welcome to Zone Festival! Although this is technically a drama “competition”, it is also a chance to show off and appreciate the work of our colleagues in other community theatre clubs, and an excellent opportunity to educate ourselves in our craft. Theatre BC hires professionals to adjudicate Zone Festivals so we can learn from them. By attending each play and listening to the adjudicator’s comments, and then attending the private adjudication, we hopefully

will pick up something we can use in our own acting, directing, etc. The talented volunteers in this zone worked hard to make this festival educational and fun, and it is my hope that you take home at least one little theatrical “pearl” that you can use in your next production. My congratulations go to the organizers of this event, and my heartfelt thanks to all of those who supported this festival, either financially through sponsorships, or with their time and talent. Please take note of the businesses that contributed. As supporters of community theatre, they deserve our patronage.

I’d also like offer you a special invitation to take in the performances and theatre education available by attending Mainstage 2009 in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows in July, and our provincial one act festival, ACToberfest 2009, in Creston this October.

Best wishes, John

Adjudicator: Michael Armstrong:



Michael Armstrong has been acting, directing and writing for the theatre in British Columbia for 35 years. He also has experience with stage management, set design, lighting and sound, and has worked with community theatre companies around the province. He has taught acting for teens and adults privately and in the school system for the past ten years. He is a published poet and playwright, alumnus of the Banff playRites Colony, and past president of the Federation of BC Writers. He has a BA in English Literature and BC Teaching Certificate. Recent teaching credits also include a brief stint at York University teaching Theatre History. Michael has taught workshops for community theatre and schools in acting, writing, directing, and improvisation. His play, *In Their Nightgowns, Dancing*, was published in 2005 by UNBC Press. Recently, he has also released a CD of spoken word and jazz, *Crow Songs*, with the jazz ensemble, Vinyl Groove. Professional acting credits include McMurphy in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Ben Weatherstaff in *The Secret Garden*, and Pseudolus in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Professional directing credits include dinner theatre, touring productions, and musicals such as *Cabaret* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Michael will also be offering a Scene Study workshop on Saturday afternoon. It is open to any aspiring actor. The cost is \$20 and to register you just have to track down Sue Popesku!

Tuesday, May 12 - 7:00 p.m.

The Melancholy Minstrel

By Cynthia Livingstone
Fort St. John Players

Club History: "Everyone Belongs." Formed in 2003 the Fort St John Players has a total of 15 members, and we present two to four performances per year. We are a troupe of adults who have developmental disabilities. With our friends, we create original comedies for young audiences that model and hopefully inspire inclusion of all persons who have a disability. Recipient of Catalyst award in 2007 (Legacies 2010), our club was one of only two arts organizations in Northern BC that year to receive this honour. In the past year, we have presented excerpts of our work at the local, regional and provincial level, including the *Spirit of Literacy* conference in Dawson Creek and the *Community Living BC: The Power of Community* conference in Vancouver.

Synopsis: Meet Pete Boggs, the Melancholy Minstrel. He's misplaced his music-making mojo, but with the help of his feckless friends, Frick and Frack, Pete sets out to find a muse. Join Pete on his quest for inspiration.

Cast:

Harry the Hunchback: Kevin Smith
Moose: Michael Kloc
Ace the Face: Michael Fraser
Sir Frick: Delorus Cooper
King: Megan Doerksen
Sir Francois: Michael Kloc
The Knave: Tina Tompkins
Lady Scoldwell: Christine Eicher
Doerksen

Lady Tappets: Cynthia Livingstone
Todd the Odd: Kelly Wiebe
Sir Frack: Tina Tompkins
Pete Boggs: Russell Wheat
Lady Pinchpenny: Linda Smith
Apple Betty: Isabelle Paynter
The Flogger: Delorus Cooper
Molly the Fishmonger: Megan

Crew:

Director: Cynthia Livingstone
Stage Manager: Maureen Lalonde
Lighting Director: Cynthia Livingstone & co.
Sound Designer: Cynthia Livingstone & co.
Sound Operator: Blair Scott
Set Design: Cynthia Livingstone and co.
Costume Designer: Maureen LaLonde & cast.
Crew: Sharon Doerksen, Randy Shesкто
Make-up: Cory Haagsman & Elaine Bourdon
Live Sound FX --- Christine Eicher

Asst Director: Dallas Ashdown
ASM: Sharon Doerksen



Tuesday, May 12 - 8:45
A Showpiece Production of:
The Spot

By Steven Dietz

By arrangement with Dramatist Play Service Inc
North Peace Players

The North Peace Players were formed in 2007 for the Peace River Zone Festival and have performed "This Is A Play" and "This Is An Audition".

Synopsis: Everyone wants to be in "The Spot", a television endorsement for a prominent political candidate. But with clueless directors, a ruthless campaign advisor and an actress with too much heart, it's hard to tell who's telling the truth.

Cast:

Chumley: Meaghan McKale

Roger: Dallas Ashdown

Wagner: Ben Wheeler

Nelson: Julia Smith

Gloria: Kaymia Wheat

Betsy: Candace Loberg

Crew:

Producer: Jennifer Baloc

Stage Manager: Landon Rogers

ASM: Luke Schneider

Lighting Director: Ben Wheeler

Set Design: Cast

Costume Designer: Meaghan McKale, Kaymia Wheat

Crew: Landon Rogers, Luke Schneider, Zach Scott



Thursday, May 14

Rabbit Hole

By arrangement with Dramatis Play Service, Inc
By David Lindsay-Abaire
Stage North Theatre Society

Club History: formed in 1987 the club has over 50 members and offers 3 productions per year plus a Festival Entry.

Synopsis: Becca and Howie Corbett have everything a family could want until a life shattering accident turns their world upside down and leaves the couple drifting perilously apart. Rabbit Hole charts their bittersweet search for comfort in the darkest of places.

Cast:

Becca Corbett: Terry Boyle
Howie Corbett: Blair Scott
Izzy: Aubyn Petryshyn
Nat: Christine Unger ✓
Jason: Zach Scott ✓



Crew:

Director: Rob Laventure
Producer: Dale Hillman ✓
Stage Manager: Tony Atkins
ASM: Melanie Truscott ✓
Lighting Director: Oliver Hachmeister
Lighting Operator: Oliver Hachmeister
Sound Designer: Rob Laventure
Sound Operator: Chalene Scott ✓
Set Design: Rob Laventure, Oliver Hachmeister ✓ and Tony Atkins
Crew: Tabby Dyer ✓ and Tony Atkins ✓