

# peace river zone theatre festival 2010



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# Peace River Zone Theatre Festival Schedule of Plays

Adjudicator Andrew McIlroy

SHOWTIME at 7:30 pm

- MAY 4 ***I, Claudia*** Stage North Theatre Society  
by Kristen Thomson directed by Oliver Hachmeister
- May 5 ***Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll*** Bridge to Broadway  
by Eric Bogosian directed by Tom Kirschner
- May 6 ***The Melancholy Minstrel*** Fort St. John Players  
written and directed by Cynthia Livingstone
- May 7 ***Toronto Mississippi*** Stage North Theatre Society  
by Joan MacLeod directed by Terry Boyle

MATINEE at 1 PM

- May 8 ***Sylvia*** Dionysus Theatre Company Dawson Creek  
by A.R Gurney directed by Darcy Frost

SHOW TIME 8 PM

- May 8 ***November*** Grizzly Valley Players Tumbler Ridge  
by Don Nigro directed by Erin Hanna

## SATURDAY EVENING EVENTS

North Peace Cultural Centre Loft

MEET AND GREET BEFORE THE SHOW 6 pm to 8 pm

ENTERTAINMENT AFTER THE SHOW

Refreshments and Entertainment 10 pm to 1 am

## Peace River Zone Theatre Festival AWARDS CEREMONY

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS APPRECIATED

No photography please.....Please turn off your cell phones

For your enjoyment, there will be refreshments and bottled water in the loft during intermission and after the show.





# WELCOME TO THE ENERGETIC CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN



*The Energetic City*

MESSAGE FROM THE HONORABLE BRUCE LANTZ  
THE MAYOR OF FORT ST. JOHN

On behalf of the City of Fort St. John and its Energetic Citizens, I welcome you to the 2010 Peace River Zone Theatre Festival.

This annual regional event is a great cultural contribution to our community and once again there is an excellent line-up of plays performed by the best local talent from Fort St. John, Tumbler Ridge and Dawson Creek.

Thank you to the many volunteers and participants for bringing this event to our community and I wish you all the best for another successful festival!

Bruce Lantz, Mayor of Fort St. John

## A MESSAGE FROM BLAIR SCOTT THE CHAIR OF THE PEACE RIVER ZONE

Once again the Peace River Zone Festival is promising to be an exciting week of theatre. It is hard to believe that a year has passed since the last Festival and what a year it's been. First off, I would like to thank everyone involved in the production of this event. There are so many people behind the scenes that we don't see or know about. I give a standing ovation to all of you. I need to give a special thank you to Jim Peltier for taking on the role of Festival Chair. I believe he signed a 5 year contract for this job. Sue Popesku works tirelessly behind the scenes and is the voice of experience and knowledge. Liza Rhymer keeps us all in the know. Cynthia Livingstone is our outreach connection in Dawson Creek and Tom Kirschner is the Vice Chairman. I sincerely thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to this festival.



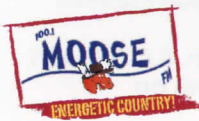
The Peace River Zone has been growing in the past few years. With an increasing number of members in each of the clubs throughout the region, community theatre is gaining strength in our zone. The Festival gets better each year with more plays entering the competition and an increasing number of sponsors. I wish everyone a great festival and, to clubs who have entered plays, "Break a leg". We plan to party at the end of the Festival and share some stories.

Blair Scott

Alaska Highway News



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## Peace River Zone Festival DECORATIONS

ORIGINAL DESIGN

Barb Daley

CREATION OF STARS AND MASKS

- ★ Fort St. John Association for
- ★ Community Living



## 2009 Peace River Zone Theatre Festival



Tumbler Ridge taking a break after the show.



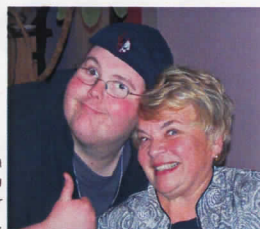
Dawson Creek primping before the show.



Award winners for Best Production Stage North's *Rabbit Hole* Director Rob Laventure and for Best Actor Dennis Szalai cutting the celebration cake.



Dallas Ashdown and Sue Popesku hammin' it up for the camera.



Dennis, Lorna and Chalene in the Loft during Meet and Greet.



Adjudicator Michael Armstrong giving a few tips to Bridge to Broadway after the show.

 NORTH PEACE SAVINGS &  
CREDIT UNION

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# WINDWARD RESOURCES



Tuesday, May 4

## I, Claudia

by Kristen Thomson

directed by Oliver Hachmeister

## Stage North

Fort St. John



### FROM THE DIRECTOR

Masks have a rich history in the civilizations of the world; from tribal shamans in Africa to indigenous peoples of North America to the birth of theatre in ancient Greece and many, many others in locations throughout the world. They have been and continue to be used for multiple purposes including (but not limited to) concealing identity, religious practices, medicine, safety and of course storytelling. In tonight's performance masks serve two main purposes. They define the identity of the character, allowing a single actress to portray multiple people and they offer a measure of emotional protection that allows the character to speak truthfully about things that they would normally conceal from society.

A big thank needs to go out to you, the audience, for coming to see tonight's performance. Without an audience, all we do is practice. But when you come in with your life's experiences to affect how you interpret what you see, it becomes a true performance. Enjoy the show.  
*Oliver Hachmeister*

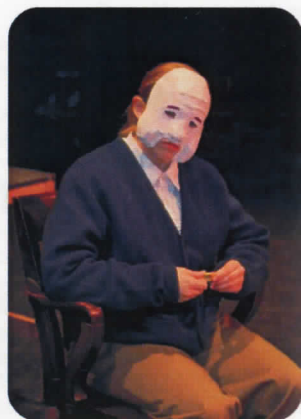


Director *Oliver Hachmeister*

Director  
Assistance Director  
Stage Manager  
Technical Design  
Costume Design  
Lighting Operator  
Sound Operator  
Set Design  
Set Construction  
Props

### THE CREW of I, CLAUDIA

Oliver Hachmeister  
Emry Mika  
Twyla Jordon  
Oliver Hachmeister  
Cast and Crew  
Twyla Jordon  
Oliver Hachmeister  
Oliver Hachmeister  
Tony Atkins  
Emry Mika and Twyla Jordon



### THE CAST OF I, CLAUDIA

Karleigh Smith

AS

Claudia  
Drachman  
Douglas  
Leslie

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**"Wishing the best to all the casts and crews of the Peace River Zone"**



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# BIG CHIEF VENTURES

Wednesday, May 5

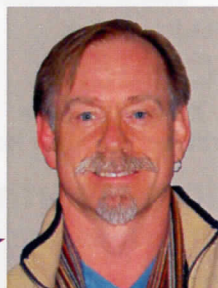
## Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll

by Eric Bogosian

directed Tom Kirschner

## Bridge to Broadway

Fort St. John



Director and Actor  
Tom Kirschner

### THE CAST

Tom Kirschner

### THE CREW

Director Tom Kirschner

Assistant Director Dennis Szalai

Sound Rap Beat

Herbal cigarettes and cigars are used in this production



### FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Directing is a tough enough job as it is, but to direct yourself? What would make someone want to do this? How can you see what you're doing on stage when you are already on Stage? Well, I didn't do it entirely by myself. I had help from a good friend, Mr. Dennis Szalai. He came in as a second set of eyes to give me an idea of what was working and what wasn't. I thank him greatly for his years of experience and insight.

When I went looking for a show to do, I wanted a production that not only had a challenge but also a message. This show definitely has both. Eric Bogosian (the writer) asks that the audience use their imaginations with this show. So in keeping with that concept, I won't tell you what message I want you to take away from the show, but rather I will leave it up to you to decide what that message is for yourself, or if you even feel there is a message at all.

When I first read the production I took it way too seriously, but once I started reading it over and over, I found it to be very funny. It is dark comedy at its finest. Tonight you will see 11 character types, all with their own blend of comedic reality. I have tried to create a different personality with each one. I'll leave you to think about this.....Life should be enjoyed to the fullest, but moderation is the key....Or is it?

Tom Kirschner

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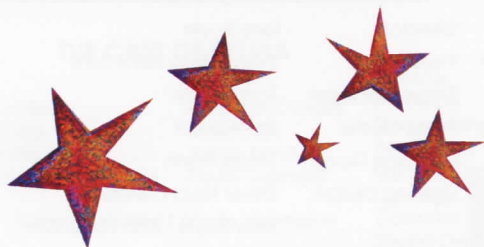
Thursday, May 6

## The Melancholy Minstrel

written and directed by Cynthia Livingstone

## Fort St. Players

with the Association for Community Living



### FROM THE DIRECTOR:

The Melancholy Minstrel premiered at the 2009 Zone Festival garnering a number of awards. Since then we have welcomed seven



new players, created new characters and shuffled veteran actors into new roles. In this version, a washed up minstrel, Pete Boggs, seeks a Muse to rekindle his passion for music. This is a tale of finding love and inspiration right under our noses, in the course of everyday life. *Cynthia Livingstone*

### THE CAST OF THE MELANCHOLY MINSTREL

Lady Tappets	Cory Goodwin	Pete Boggs	Russell Wheat
Harry the Hunchback	Kevin Smith	The King, Moose	Harold Goodwin
Bully 1, Apple Betty	Isabelle Paynter	Sir Francois	Dustin Hattin
Bully 2, Todd the Odd	Kelly Wiebe	Dizzy Lizzie	Linda Smith
Ace the Face	Michael Fraser	Flirty Gertie	Dawn Barber
Sweeper	Peter Fehr	Bossy Flossie	Sharon Dineley
Sir Frick, The Flogger	Christine Eicher	Lady Vanity	Delorus Cooper
Sir Frack, The Knave	Tina Tompkins	Molly the Fishmonger	Megan Doerksen

### THE CREW OF THE MELANCHOLY MINSTREL

Director	Cynthia Livingstone
Stage Manager	Maureen Lalonde
Assistance Stage Manager	Elaine Bourdon
Lights	Oliver Hachmeister
Costumes	Maureen Lalonde, Michael di Vidar, Brenda Leger
Sound Design & Operator	Chris White
Live Sound FX	Christine Eicher, Cory Goodwin, Maureen Lalonde, Isabelle Paynter, Kelly Wiebe
Set Design	Cynthia Livingstone and Fort St. John Players team
Props	Maureen Lalonde and Fort St. Players team



### ABOUT FORT ST. JOHN PLAYERS

Fort St. John Players is a troupe of actors who have developmental disabilities and a great love of performing. Since 2000 our mission has been to provide self-advocates and like-minded individuals with opportunities for self expression through theatre. We promote the principles of inclusion and serve as a resource for schools, community theatre and community living organizations. The Association is celebrating its 50th Year of working with individuals with developmental disabilities on June 5, 2010. contact: [cory.goodwin@fsjacl.com](mailto:cory.goodwin@fsjacl.com).

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# TALISMAN

Friday, May 7

## TORONTO MISSISSIPPI

by Joan MacLeod  
directed by Terry Boyle

Stage North  
Fort St. John



### THE CAST OF TORONTO MISSISSIPPI

King	Blair Scott
Bill	Gilles Francoeur
Jhana	Melanie Truscott
Maddie	Dawn Ljuden
Young King	Zac Scott

### THE CREW OF TORONTO MISSISSIPPI

Director	Terry Boyle
Producers	Pam & Rob Laventure
Stage Manager	Tony Atkins
Props Master	Tim Abbott
Costume Design	Stage North
Lighting Design	Oliver Hachmeister Terry Boyle Rob Laventure
Lighting Operator	Oliver Hachmeister
Sound Operator	Terry Boyle
Sound Operator	Joel Laventure
Set Design	Tony Atkins Terry Boyle
Costume Designer	Stage North
Crew	Tom Ljuden Megan Abbott Chalene Scott Zac Scott

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

Yes, HE LIVES.....right here in Fort St John, BC. He goes by the name of Blair Scott! In the 13 years I have been involved in Stage North, it seems Blair has been around. Working with him, Melanie, Gilles and Tony is something I have had the pleasure of doing many times, but then you add in Dawn as Maddie and fun is had by all. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to direct this play. That isn't how it started. This was another director's vision and it is tough to take the reins from another director. Thank you. I can only hope I have done justice to this story. To Tony, his crew and the cast, thank you for your hard work. You have all done an amazing job!

As past Chairman of the Peace River Zone and past Zone representative to Theatre BC, I am please to, again, be involved in the Zone Festival. It is gratifying to see six plays in this Festival which is a good participation from the region. Community theatre is strong in Northern BC and theatre enthusiasts are eager to have more and more opportunities to learn about all aspects of theatre.

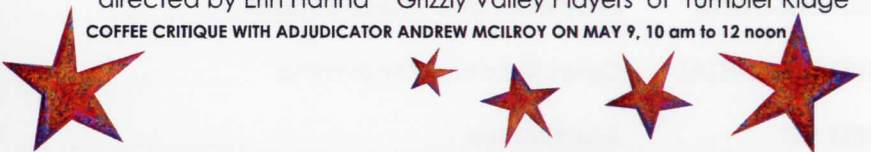
Terry Boyle





# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

- May 4 7:30 pm **I, Claudia** by Kristen Thomson  
directed by Oliver Hachmeister Stage North of Fort St. John  
COFFEE CRITIQUE WITH ADJUDICATOR ANDREW MCILROY ON MAY 5, 10:30 am to 12:30 noon
- May 5 7:30 pm **Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll** by Eric Bogosian  
directed by Tom Kirschner Bridge to Broadway of Fort St. John  
COFFEE CRITIQUE WITH ADJUDICATOR ANDREW MCILROY ON MAY 6, 8 am to 10 am
- May 6 7:30 pm **The Melancholy King**  
written and directed by Cynthia Livingstone Fort St. John Players  
COFFEE CRITIQUE WITH ADJUDICATOR ANDREW MCILROY ON MAY 7, 12:30 noon to 2:30 pm  
NOTE: LOCATION FOR COFFEE CRITIQUE IS ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING 10251 100 AVE
- May 7 7:30 pm **Toronto, Mississippi** by Joan MacLeod  
directed by Terry Boyle Stage North of Fort St. John  
COFFEE CRITIQUE WITH ADJUDICATOR ANDREW MCILROY ON MAY 8, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
- May 8 1pm **Sylvia** by A.R. Gurney  
directed by Darcy Frost Dionysus Theatre of Dawson Creek  
COFFEE CRITIQUE WITH ADJUDICATOR ANDREW MCILROY ON MAY 9, 8 am to 10 am
- May 8 8 pm **November** by Don Nigro  
directed by Erin Hanna Grizzly Valley Players of Tumbler Ridge  
COFFEE CRITIQUE WITH ADJUDICATOR ANDREW MCILROY ON MAY 9, 10 am to 12 noon



## SATURDAY EVENING WITH THE STARS ON STAGE

MEET AND GREET 6 pm to 8 pm

In the North Peace Cultural Centre Loft Entertainment by Mike and Nick

### AWARDS CEREMONY

CLOSING CELEBRATIONS 10 pm to 1am

In the North Peace Cultural Centre Loft Drumming and Folk Jamming

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and lose ourselves at the same time."

Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

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