

PEACE RIVER ZONE THEATRE FESTIVAL

TIP YOUR TOQUE TO CANADIAN THEATRE

2017 PEACE RIVER ZONE THEATRE FESTIVAL FEATURING 100% CANADIAN WORDS, EH.

#TIPYOURTOQUE



LATE COMPANY

PRESENTED BY SPECTACULAR CHAIR COMPANY
DIRECTED BY HEAD HOSER
BLAIR SCOTT

MAY 26@7:30PM

SELF HELP

PRESENTED BY BRIDGE TO BROADWAY
DIRECTED BY A PAIR OF HOSERS
ROB LAVENTURE & TOM KIRSCHNER

MAY 27@1:00PM

SALT WATER MOON

PRESENTED BY STAGE NORTH
DIRECTED BY HEAD HOSER
TED SLOAN

MAY 27@7:30PM



**A MESSAGE FROM PETER WEINHOLD
PRESIDENT OF THEATRE BC**

Theatre BC celebrates Canada 150
with all Canadian plays in the 2017
Zone Festivals in BC.



Welcome to the Zone Festival, a great experience in theatre from three different theatre groups in the area. The crew and company members involved in the shows you will see this week share a singular passion for theatre, and they are here to support a friendly competition with each other, but more importantly, to learn and improve on the product that they put on stage. That is why everyone so anxiously awaits the feedback from the adjudicator in the private critique that is held the day after the show. The best production from each zone will be selected to participate at Mainstage 2017, which is being held this year in Vernon at the Performing Arts Centre, starting on June 30.

I would like to thank you for helping to support community theatre and for supporting your friends who may be on stage or behind the scenes, in fulfilling their love for theatre. Sit back and relax, and enjoy the shows. Cheer on your favourite club and wish them luck on awards night.

Peter Weinhold President, Theatre BC

the festival committee

Chairman	Bronwyn Hall
Zone Chairman	Teela Gould
Secretary	Pam Laventure
Treasurer	Sue Popesku
Directors	Deanna Bone, Dana Pedersen, Stevi Eby

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**as courtesy to the actors
your cooperation is
appreciated**

No flash photography **thank you.**
Text your friends that you are at
the Theatre Festival and then
please

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FESTIVAL 2017 SCHEDULE

Peace River Zone Theatre Festival 2017

Friday, May 26

6:00 to 7:30 pm REGISTRATION for participants
and MEET and GREET

7:30 pm PERFORMANCE **Late Company**
Director Blair Scott
Spectacular Chair Factory

Saturday, May 27

9:00 to 10:30am COFFEE CRITIQUE with **Late Company**
Cast and Crew in NPCC Loft

1:30 pm PERFORMANCE **Self Help**
Director Rob Laventure and Tom Kirschner
Bridge to Broadway

7:30 pm PERFORMANCE **Salt Water Moon**
Director Ted Sloan
Stage North Theatre Society

AWARDS CEREMONY

FESTIVAL AFFAIR WRAP UP Carpet Room NPCC

Sunday, May 28

9:30 to 10:30am COFFEE CRITIQUE with **Self Help**
Cast and Crew at Stage North Space

10:30 to 12 noon COFFEE CRITIQUE with **Salt Water Moon**
Cast and Crew at Stage North Space

1:30pm to 5pm **BEST PRODUCTION WORKSHOP**
for cast and crew only
with Adjudicator Michael Armstrong
at Stage North Space

A MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE LORI ACKERMAN MAYOR OF FORT ST. JOHN

On behalf of the City of Fort St. John, I would like to welcome participants and audience alike to the **Peace River Zone Theatre Festival**.

I extend a special welcome to former Fort St. John resident and Festival Adjudicator, Michael Armstrong.

The **Peace River Zone Theatre Festival** is taking place in the heart of the Arts & Cultural community – the North Peace Cultural Centre. It is the perfect event to showcase this thriving arts and cultural facility in our city. Since its opening in 1992, the Centre has hosted hundreds of events each year. The North Peace Cultural Centre celebrates its 25th year with Bright Nights in June Gala Festival coming up on June 7-10.

I invite you to experience our friendly, vibrant, "Energetic" community and see for yourself why legend has it that once you've tasted the water from the Peace, you'll always come back. Sit back, enjoy and good luck to all the participants!

Lori Ackerman
Mayor City of Fort St. John



The Energetic City

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CANADA 150
1867-2017

The Peace River Zone Theatre Festival is all Canadian...
*plays, actors, adjudicator,
decorations, refreshments*

CELEBRATING CANADA 150 with THEATRE BC

Fort St. John Community



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"The creative industries play a major role in building and sustaining economically vibrant communities, serve as magnets to attract businesses and their employees, and are the main reason for stimulating a marked increase in cultural tourism."

U.S. Conference of Mayors

**"Art enables us to find ourselves
and lose ourselves at the same time."**

Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

The FSJ Community Arts Council is working towards a better community through the development of arts and culture.

THIS EVENING'S SPONSOR



PEACE LIARD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

Friday, May 26 7:30pm

LATE COMPANY

by Jordan Tannahill
directed by Blair Scott

The Spectacular Chair Factory

Fort St. John

THE CAST OF LATE COMPANY

Deborah	Emry Mika
Michael	Cody MacGillivray
Tamara	Jessalyn Aitken
Bill	Troy Grey Wolf
Curtis	Jacob Chmelyk

Voice for Joel Tristan Ranger

THE CREW OF LATE COMPANY

Director	Blair Scott
Stage Manager	Teela Gould
Props	Suzanne Lawson
Sound Operator	Robert Deniro
Lighting Design	Blair Scott
Sound Design	Blair Scott
Costumes	Cast
Hair and Make-up	Cast
Set Design	Cast & crew

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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

My son Zac recommended this play to me. When I read the script, it brought back many of memories of things that went on when I was in high school in a small town in Saskatchewan. We had the kids who were weird, as we called them back then. Lots of bullying happened. Everyone knew, but nothing was ever done about it. Now here we are today still dealing with these same issues. The difference is, in today's world, everyone knows about it, yet we cannot seem to fix the problem. We still have parents who don't pay attention. We still have bullies in our schools and social media magnifies the situation. We still have too much hate in our world. I hope this play makes you stop and think about your life and how you could make a difference with a little bit of change in your world and the world around you.

Director Blair Scott



DIRECTOR
Blair
Scott

Produced with Permission by the Playwrights Guild of Canada

MESSAGE FROM BRONWYN HALL
CHAIRMAN OF THE PEACE RIVER ZONE FESTIVAL



Welcome to Tip your Toque to Canadian Theatre the 2017 Peace River Theatre Festival. We are pleased to present three enlightening plays from within the community competing this year. All plays in the Theatre BC Zone Festivals are Canadian plays celebrating Canada's 150. Throughout this weekend, you will get to experience a love, loss, heartache and hilarity as we bring you these three fantastic productions.

First up is Late Company presented by Spectacular Chair Factory, followed by Self Help presented by Bridge to Broadway and finishing the Festival is Salt-Water Moon presented by Stage North.

Like any event of this nature, it can only come together with the hard work and dedication of many volunteers and the generosity of the sponsors. I would like to thank the Festival Committee for their dedication and teamwork, as well as everyone who made this Festival a reality.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome back Michael Armstrong, our Adjudicator for the Festival. We look forward to hearing Michael's words of wisdom with respect to the plays, as well as the sharing of his knowledge and experience at the Coffee Critiques. Michael will be back again in August and September to direct the Alcan Craze of '42 saluting the 75th Anniversary of the Building of the Alaska Highway.

And Thank you, our audience, for joining us for this display of exceptional Canadian Theatre. Your support drives us to continually strive for excellence in the all our productions. Please join us for the coffee critiques, the awards ceremony and reception.

Theatre Eh!

Bronwyn Hall

Welcome to Adjudicator Michael Armstrong

Michael Armstrong is a playwright, actor, director and theatre instructor with over 40 years on the boards and behind the scenes. He has also worked as a set designer and builder, a stage manager, and a theatre administrator. He holds an MFA in Playwriting from the University of Victoria as well as a BA in Literature and a Teaching Diploma.



He has been teaching theatre and writing for over twenty years in a variety of settings including the University of Victoria, high school, theatre workshops around the province, and private classes. He has adjudicated numerous theatre festivals including Theatre BC's Mainstage and has been a judge four times in Theatre BC's Playwriting Competition.

He works extensively as a dramaturge with various theatre companies and playwrights. As a writer, he is a published playwright and poet, a member of the Playwright's Guild of Canada, and a former president of the Federation of BC Writers. His work has had productions and readings from Toronto to Victoria and he was a national finalist in CBC's Poetry Face Off.

Recent work includes roles in *Of Mice and Men* and *It's a Wonderful Life* with Blue Bridge Theatre and *Fiddler on the Roof* and *The Grandkid* for Bema Productions in Victoria. He is the artistic director of the newly minted Roaring Heart Theatre in Nanaimo. Their inaugural production of Colleen Murphy's *The December Man* will hit the stage this December.



IT'S ALL CANADIAN, EH!



CANADA 150
1867-2017

With their toques on like true Canadians, Pam Laventure, Stevi Eby and Dana Pedersen decorated for the Theatre Festival.

THIS AFTERNOON'S SPONSOR

Fort St. John Community



"Shaping Today, Inspiring Tomorrow"

FORT ST. JOHN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Saturday, May 27 1pm

SELF HELP

by Norm Foster
directed by Rob Laventure
and Tom Kirschner

BRIDGE TO BROADWAY

Fort St. John

THE CAST OF SELF HELP

Cindy Savage	Bronwyn Hall
Hal Savage	Dennis Szalai
Jeremy Cash	Aaron Eady
Bernice	Elyzia Cruz
Ruby Delvecchio	Corine Fraser
Detective Snow	Tom Kirschner

THE CREW OF SELF HELP

Director	Rob Laventure
Assistant Director	Tom Kirschner
Stage Manager	Chantelle Bowen
Crew	Dustin Amaral
Lighting Operator	Leighton Taylor



FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's been about five long years since I've done anything theatre related. Funny how work and life in general have a knack of getting in the way. Then I got a call from Dennis asking if I would be interested in directing Bridges To Broadway's festival entry of Norm Foster's *Self Help*. Very rarely does the play pick you, it's supposed to be the other way around; but I was excited and honoured that my fellow thespians had come calling. You never know how much you miss something until you dive in it again. The most gratifying part was being creative again and building magic with my cast and crew, of whom were absolutely wonderful and patient with their rusty director. Kudos to all the hard work they did and a big shout out to Chantelle in her first time stage managing! Great Job! Reflecting back on these last couple months I can't stop thinking about a line *Self Help* character Hal Savage says; "The theatre is my mistress, I could never leave her", I know what you mean Hal, I know what you mean.

Director Rob Laventure

DIRECTOR Rob Laventure

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THIS EVENING'S SPONSOR

BRIAN AND BARB DALEY

Saturday, May 27, 7:30pm

SALT WATER MOON

by David French

directed by Ted Sloan

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

I first read about *Salt-Water Moon* 5 years ago, when I was in university. It's often touted as a Canadian classic in the theatre world, and could be seen as potentially a little dated. After all, it takes place in 1925, back before Newfoundland was actually part of Canada! But, Jeryn and I felt that its story was timeless, that the writing was marvelous, and that the play was beautiful.

Stage North

Fort St. John



THE CAST OF SALT WATER MOON

Jacob Mercer

Ted Sloan

Mary Snow

Jeryn Mackey

To me, theatre is an incredible thing. It brings different people into one building, shows them the same story, but then sparks so many different feelings, conversations, and thoughts. *Salt-Water Moon* is a play about Jacob Mercer, and Mary Snow, and explores why he might have left her, what she's thinking, and why he has come back to win her over.

THE CREW OF SALT WATER MOON

Director

Ted Sloan

We encourage you to sit and relax, and to imagine the salt water smell around you, as you watch two people navigate what they feel about each other on a summer's night in 1925.

Director Ted Sloan

Production

Ted Sloan

Jeryn Mackey

Diane Sloan

Electrician and Sound

Engineer

Leighton Taylor

Director
Ted Sloan



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BEST ACTOR Rob Laventure _____

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BEST PRODUCTION Stevi Eby _____

Join us again next year

PEACE RIVER ZONE THEATRE FESTIVAL May 22-27, 2018