

# Workshops will teach you the ins and outs of theatre

Looking to beat the August doldrums? Stage North will host a number of workshops for those interested in trying their hand at theatre this month.

Fort St. John's Ted Sloan will conduct four workshops from August 17-21 for those 15 years and older.

Sloan is an accomplished professional actor and director, having toured to stages across the country. He recently directed *12 Angry Jurors* and *The Sneetches*, worked as the technical director for the North Peace Cultural Centre, and taught drama in School District 60.

Workshops include:

- *The Making of a Director* (directing) on Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mary's Wedding (a Canadian Play set during the Second World War) will be part of the workshop materials.
- *You Too Can Stage Manage* (stage managing) on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 6

p.m. to 9 p.m. This workshop includes a bit of everything for everyone behind the curtain.

- *From the Script to the Stage* (acting) on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This workshop teaches the major moves from words to action, catching the spirit of the director and the skill of the actor.

- *Tech-Speak for Dummies* (technical production) on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This workshop teaches participants how to stage a show with minimum of theatre tech knowledge.

Registration deadline is August 15. Workshops are \$5 for Stage North members or \$15 for non-members.

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# Rock 'n' roll, wizardry, family mayhem and more on the Stage North menu

What do God, the devil's music, a yellow brick road, an Italian restaurant, and a wedding have in common?

They're all part of an ambitious lineup of live theatre Stage North has planned for its 2016-17 season.

The company will kick off its season Sept. 22 with a performance of *God of Carnage*, a black family comedy written in 2006 by Yasmina Reza and turned into a film by Roman Polanski in 2011.

On Oct. 20, Stage North will stage *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*, a rock 'n' roll musical featuring live and local musicians to recapture the arc of Holly's rise to fame.

Stage North will once again be partnering with Studio 2 Stage and the Northern Dance Theatre Society to stage the *Nutcracker* to ring in Christmas and close out the calendar year.

In the new year, a performance of L. Frank Baum's famous *Wizard of Oz* is set to open Feb. 9.

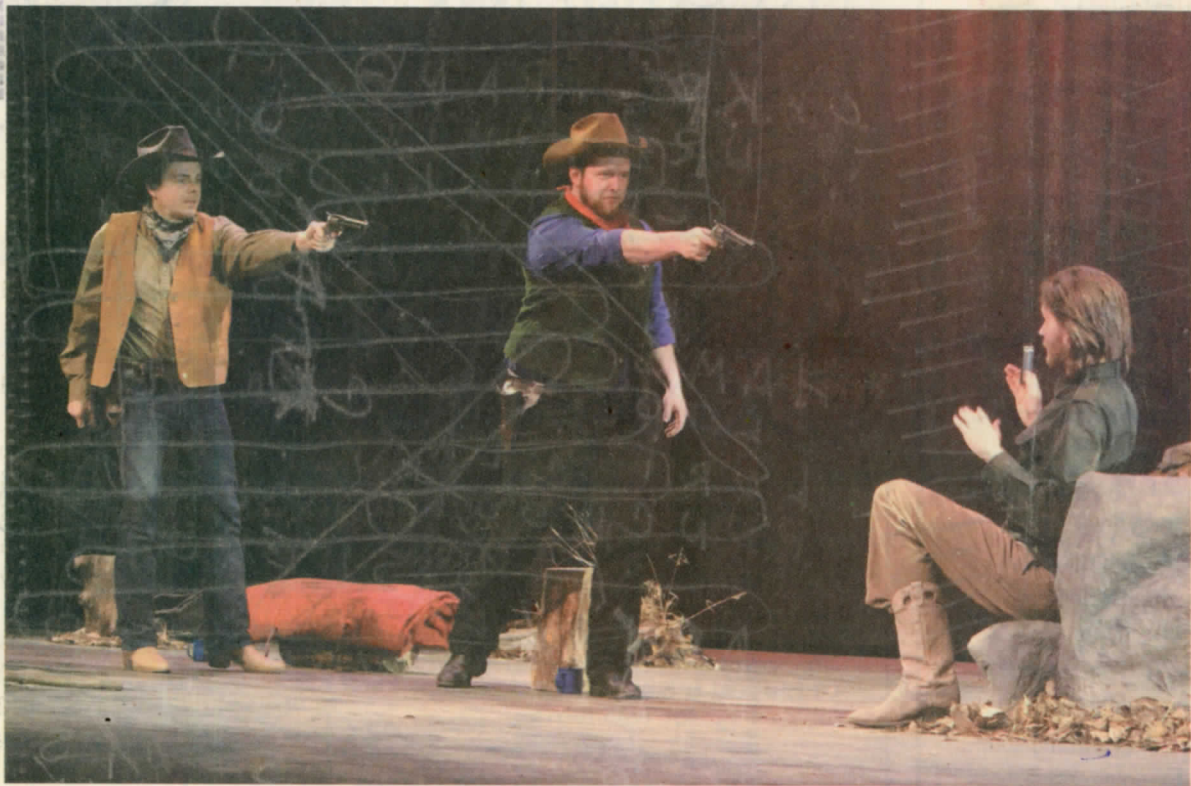
Meanwhile, those looking for a Valentine's Day date night can also catch a performance of *Dinner Rush* at the Colosseum, a dinner theatre crime drama that opens Feb. 14 and promises to immerse audiences in both the plot and a hearty Italian meal, mobsters included.

On April 27, *What Corbin Knew* will be presented, a mystery farce illuminating just how little the show's main character, Corbin, knows about the two couples he's invited to his posh skybox.

And in time for the spring wedding season, Stage North will close its year with a performance of *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* on May 18, a comedy about five bridesmaids who can't bring themselves to join the bride and groom at their wedding reception.

Show details are still being finalized. Visit [stagenorth.ca](http://stagenorth.ca) for more information.

# STICK 'EM UP



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Stage North wrapped up its theatre season with the Norm Foster play, *Outlaw*, at the North Peace Cultural Centre last week.