

Clowning Around

34TH ANNUAL ACT FESTIVAL
MAY 4-6, 2012



HOSTED BY WHITEMUD COMEDY COMPANY
ROXY THEATRE
NEEPAWA, MANITOBA

ACT FESTIVAL 2012 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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Special thanks to all of the volunteers who have helped in countless ways both before and during the festival.

ADJUDICATORS



Simon Miron holds a master's degree in performance from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, and a diploma from the Theatre Arts program at Grant MacEwan College. He has worked as a director, music director, vocal coach, drama tutor, choreographer and workshop leader across Canada and the U.K. He is currently working with WhiteRabbit Productions as the Artistic Director.

Simon has worked with various arts organizations, including: The Manitoba Conservatory of Music and Arts, ABC Academy of Music, Arts Express Toronto, Classical Theatre Projects, WhiteRabbit Productions, The Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, Prairie Theatre Exchange, Manitoba Theatre for Young People, Sarasvati Productions, Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Rainbow Stage, Winnipeg Studio Theatre, The Winnipegger Ensemble, The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Winnipeg and Sorren Bennick Productions.



Christopher Brauer is an Associate Professor in the Department of Theatre and Film at the University of Winnipeg where he teaches senior level courses in directing and acting with an emphasis on performing Shakespeare. He holds a B.A. Hons in Theatre from the University of Toronto and an M.F.A. in Acting from York University.

Through the mid-1990s Christopher acted with a number of prestigious Toronto theatre companies, and in 1996 he was co-founder of The Georgian Theatre Festival: an equity summer theatre festival in Meaford, Ontario. During seven seasons with that company, Christopher worked as an actor, company manager, director of educational programming, associate producer, and resident director. He was also the Artistic Director of The Vicious Gossip Group, an independent theatre company in Toronto.



Jim Forsythe is very happy to be returning to the ACT Festival for 2012. When he's not adjudicating, he teaches theatre to the teenagers and twenty-somethings at Brandon University, where he has been expanding young minds for over twenty years.

This spring Jim directed a production of "Miss Witherspoon" at Brandon University, played Angus in "The Drawer Boy" for Pet Projects Theatre in Brandon, and has just returned from Montreal where his play about Afghanistan was being workshopped by Teesri Duniya Theatre.

Whitemud Comedy Company, Neepawa

THE ODD COUPLE

By Neil Simon

Director: Don Walmsley

Oscar Madison
Felix Ungar
Gwendolyn Pigeon
Cecily Pigeon

Don Walmsley
Ron Nordstrom
Diane Martin
Lisa Walsh

Friday, 8:00 p.m.

Time Boom, Winnipeg

BINGO WINGS

By Paddy Gillard-Bentley

Director: Bill Moore

Edna Sicilia
Celia Sicilia
Manny Sicilia
Skeeter Sicilia
God
Gilles

Dorothy Talman
Janet Taylor
Bryce Hallick
Joan Wilton
Christine Hallick
Bernard Boland

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Outcast Theatre, Brandon

THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN

By Martin McDonagh

Director: Craig Russell

Producer: Christine Penner

Kate:	Brenda Lacerte
Eileen	Nancy Miller
Johnnypateenmike	Peter Buehler
Billy	Jared Weir
Bartley	Ripley Large
Helen	Christine Penner
Babbybobby	James Warnez
Doctor	Jeremy Lancaster
Mammy	Marilyn Hardy

Saturday, 10:20 a.m.

Shoestring Players, Winnipeg

INHERIT THE WIND

By Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee

Directors: Peter Spencer / Angela Rajfur

Howard	Lucien Stratton
Melinda	Malay Pitz
Cates	Daniel Matthes
Rachel	Angela Rajfur
Meeker the bailiff	Richard Howell
Davenport	Karl Eckstrand
Bannister/Harry Y Esterbrook (radio man)/townsperson	Paul Warkentin
Judge	Martin Wilson
Henry Drummond	Pete Hudson
Matthew Brady	Lyle Smordin
Jessie Dunlap/townsperson	Martin Howell
Sillers	Peter Spencer
Mrs. Brady	Kathy McLennan
Mayor	Marilynn Slobogian
Hornbeck of the Baltimore Herald	Frank Storimans
Hawker/townsperson	Allyson Brown
Townspeople	Linda Meckling, Dorothy Talman, Marilyn Slobogian, Janet Taylor
Stage Manager/Tech.	Kevin Naughton
Stage Crew	Jim Hillier
Props	Allyson Brown

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Vagabond Theatre Company, Russell-Binscarth

IMMINENT DANGER

By M.D. Jardine

Directors: K. Bridgeman-Magnowski / B. Senger

Carol Ross
Insp. Richardson
Artie Barker

Robyn Hasselstrom
David Howell
Ron Cole

Saturday, 3:00 p.m.

R. G. Productions, Winnipeg

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED LISTENING?

By Ron Blicq

Director: Ron Blicq

Rose Flaig (Facilitator)
Stephanie (Vulnerable Person)
Doreen (Mother)
Colin (Father)
Claudia (Neighbour)
Petey (Neighbour's son)
Compere/Announcer

Rose Flaig
Holly Steele
Debbie Pomeransky
Bill Pats
Kim Offenloch
Ryan Offenloch
Ron Blicq

Saturday, 4:15 p.m.

The Phoenix Players, Virden

GOOD HELP IS HARD TO FIND

By George Baker

Directors: George Baker / Jennifer Glendinning

Alexander Randy
Linda
Miss Morbid
Cindy Smith
Mrs. Dimples
Elisabeth Stern
Rosy Filibuster
Adiran Worthington

George Baker
Twyla Wowk
Jennifer Glendinning
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Marilynn Jacobson
Iris Munchinsky
Diane Burke
Karl De Paepe

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

The Phoenix Players, Virden

UPS AND DOWNS

By George Baker

Director: George Baker / Jennifer Glendinning

Dr. Tannenbaum

George Baker

Chloe

Jennifer Glendinning

Joyce

Diane Burke

Susanne

Twyla Wowk

Bernice

Iris Munchinsky

Elevator Repairman

Karl De Paepe

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Theatre Amisk, Dauphin

WAITING FOR THE PARADE

By John Murrell

Director: Yvonne Lillie

Catherine, in her early thirties

Jennifer Balchen

Janet, in her late thirties

Lisa Clark

Margaret, in her fifties

Tammy Barre

Eve, in her twenties

Janice Barclay

Marta, in her thirties

Dawn Aberson-Risley

Sunday, 10:15 a.m.