



ACT  
FESTIVAL  
2014

*invites you*

*to*

WALK  
ON  
THE  
WILD  
SIDE!

May 2 - 4, 2014

Hosted by

Pinawa Players

## Pinawa Players' 2014 ACT Festival Committee

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### ACT Festival Chairperson's Message

On behalf of Pinawa Players and the town of Pinawa I would like to welcome all of you to our community and the 36<sup>th</sup> annual ACT Provincial Drama Festival. It is fitting that the Players host this event in our 50<sup>th</sup> year of community theatre. Included in our reflections of the past fifty years are the fond memories of past ACT Fests; memorable theatre moments, enduring friendships and that crazy ACT Fest feeling of a weekend that brings us all together!

Pinawa is a town of committed volunteers who have worked together over the past ten months to organize this event and offer you a wonderful weekend of theatre and hospitality. We are hopeful you will have time to walk on our wild side; to enjoy the scenic wilderness of Pinawa, the trail along Winnipeg River and of course, the occasional deer sighting .

We thank you for traveling from the far reaches of the province to participate in this weekend and for sharing your theatre talents. We look forward to reconnecting as we do each year, to learning from each other and most of all to celebrating our love of theatre. We wish you a wild and memorable ACT Fest 2014!

**Linda Tait**

## Message from the Mayor of Pinawa

On behalf of the Local Government District of Pinawa, welcome to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual ACT Festival. The Pinawa Players and the community are very proud to host this prestigious event. The Pinawa Players have the distinction of being the oldest continuous running Amateur Theatre group in the Province of Manitoba and several times every year, our residents are treated to top notch entertainment. So I am looking forward to a weekend full of performances by the Pinawa Players and the other theatre groups who will be participating in this year's Festival. To the performers and audiences of the ACT Festival, we hope you enjoy the performances and your stay in the beautiful community of Pinawa.

**Blair C. Skinner**

### ACT President's Message

36 years! Did you know ACT Fest started in 1978? Wow! What an achievement! Congratulations to you the members of ACT Manitoba for sustaining this annual weekend! A weekend that is full of camaraderie, learning, laughing, dancing, and most importantly sharing of one's theatrical gifts be they through performing, playwriting, staging, lighting, or technical skills. Let me say welcome everyone to what always prove to be a fun weekend.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the Pinawa Players for hosting the 36th annual ACT Fest. I know we are in for a special weekend - or should I say - I look forward to following their trail that leads to a "Walk on the Wild Side."

Oscar Wilde is quoted as saying, "I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being." This sharing of creativity, thoughts, emotions, and skills, is what draws me to theatre.

I look forward to "Walking on the Wild Side" with each of you over the next two days, and learning more about myself, you and our theatre families.

**Tammy Barre**





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Since its beginning in 1976, the Association of Community Theatres of Manitoba (ACT) Inc. has continued to grow as a strong, non-profit organization that represents amateur theatre groups throughout the province. ACT's mandate is to promote the development and growth of amateur theatre and the amateur performing arts in Manitoba.

The Goals of ACT are:

- To promote community theatre activities in Manitoba by establishing appropriate programs of education, development, exchange and liaison and adjudication.
- To co-operate with groups, boards and organizations whose objectives include the development and advancement of community theatre in Manitoba.
- To plan, organize and operate a Festival in Manitoba at least annually, under rules and regulations as established from time to time by the ACT Board.
- To act as a central office for informing members of theatre activities and endeavors, to further the Association's educational programs, to develop members' theatre skills and expertise, and to promote the use of local Manitoba theatre resources.
- To maintain a program of assistance for member groups to promote the above aims.

ACT Website: <http://www.actmanitoba.mb.ca/>

### General Schedule

#### Friday May 2

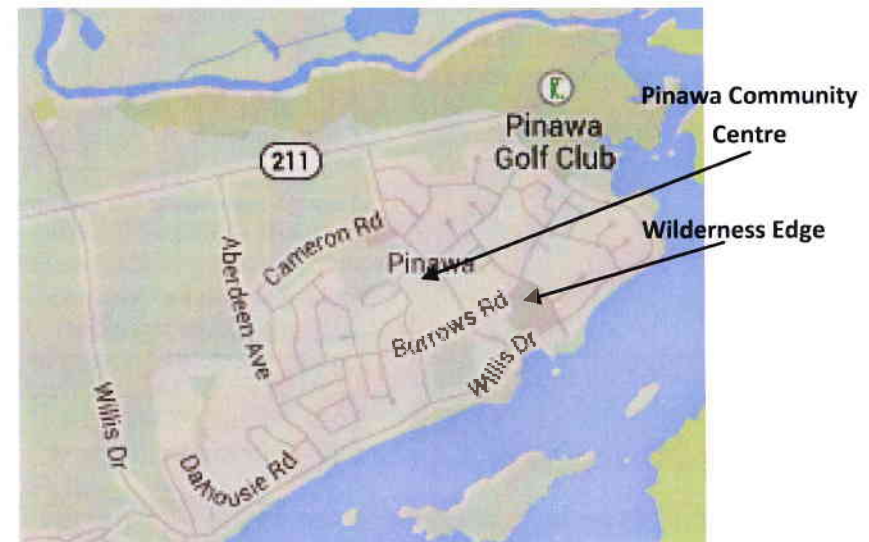
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Registration (Pinawa Community Centre)
7:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies
8:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Pinawa Players Production
8:30 – 10:30 p.m.	Wine and Cheese Reception <i>Music by the Satin Dolls</i>

#### Saturday May 3

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Group Productions and Registration
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Wilderness Edge Conference Centre)
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Group Productions and Registration
6:30 p.m.	Cocktails
7:15 p.m.	Banquet and Dance - <i>Music by the Pinawa Stage Band</i>

#### Sunday May 4

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Group Productions and Registration
11:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Closing Ceremonies
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Wilderness Edge Conference Centre)



## ADJUDICATORS



### Pauline Broderick

Pauline has served as an adjudicator for the ACT Festival on a number of prior occasions. ( Pinawa, Neepawa, Winnipeg, Dauphin)

Ms. Broderick is an award winning, veteran drama educator who is currently teaching in The Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba. She inspires her students with a passion for the art form, which she has carried with her from her days as a teacher at the Prairie Theater Exchange Theater School. While there, she expanded the theater's role in using drama as a means of developing life skills

and social awareness through her work with the Choices Program, an anti-gang initiative, and Upward Bound, an innovative adult education program. She also served as the Education Director at the Manitoba Theater for Young People where she taught a range of classes to children, teens and adults. Ms. Broderick is part of the curriculum development team for the new provincial Dramatic Arts curriculum that is being piloted this year. She has appeared in a range of television and film roles over the years. *The Murdoch Mysteries, For Those Who Hunt the Wounded Down, A Marriage of Convenience, Another Day, The Clown at Midnight* name a few of the projects she has acted in. Ms. Broderick has recently joined Birch Bark Production Company with long-time partner Peter Jordan.



JAN SKENE

**Jan Skene** is best known as an accomplished actor/singer and director, having appeared on almost all of Winnipeg's main stages over the past 25 years. Recent highlights include HARVEY at RMTC, THE BRINK at PTE, FOOTLOOSE at Rainbow Stage, HERSTERIA at the Winnipeg Fringe, FOLLIES (Dry Cold), WHITE CHRISTMAS at RMTC and A YEAR WITH FROG and TOAD (MTYP/Citadel). Jan has been working steadily as an actor, puppeteer and voice performer in Manitoba's film and television industry. She has many film, TV and radio credits to her name including series lead on FRED PENNER'S PLACE, TIPI TALES and BABY AND ME, as well as principal roles on STRINGS, THE PLAGUE, THE ATWOOD STORIES.

Jan is currently Vice President of the ACTRA Manitoba Council and head of the Training Committee. She has co-developed and delivered ACTRA's Apprenticeship Training Course over the past several years is currently a member of the Film Training Manitoba Board. Jan is co-founder and manager of Skene Stunts Inc. with her husband Rick Skene. Together with their sons Daniel and Sean they have worked on over 150 film and television productions.



### Jim Forsythe

Jim is glad to be back at this annual spring rite that is Actfest where he has been a frequent adjudicator. His first Actfest experience was as an audience member in Pinawa in 1991. As much as he likes teaching theatre at Brandon University he appreciates the opportunity that ACT gives him to work with 'adults'. He particularly enjoyed facilitating the Director's workshop that was held in Brandon by Spotlight Theatre this past fall. Jim received his training at

the Universities of Alberta and Victoria as well as two years at the National Voice Intensive in Vancouver. Most of his time is taken up by teaching in the winter and sailing in the summer but he does still perform most recently in 'Art' and 'The Drawer Boy' for Pet Projects. On his last sabbatical he was a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii coaching actors in the Asian Theatre program in audition skills and at Concordia University in Montreal teaching students how to transfer oral history to the stage, a technique he used to produce his two 'Afghan' plays 'Soldier Up' and 'Safer Ground'.



## ACT Festival 2014 - Performance Schedule

Group	Play	Length	Tech. Time	Set-up Time	Performance Time	Adjudication & Strike Time/Set up
<b>Friday Evening</b>						
Pinawa Players	"Blue Murder"	30 min	-	-	8:00 - 8:30 p.m.	8:30 - 8:45
<b>Saturday Morning</b>						
Broken Record Productions	"Illegal Playwrighting" "The Pitch"	50 min	9:00 - 9:15	9:00 - 9:15	9:30 - 10:20	10:20 - 10:35
<b>COFFEE 10:35 - 10:45</b>						
Thompson Playhouse	"Tales from Thompson"	30 min	8:45 - 9:00	10:20 - 10:35	10:45 - 11:15	11:15 - 11:30
<b>WORKSHOPS 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.</b>						
<b>SATURDAY LUNCH 11:30—1:00 p.m. at the Wilderness Edge Conference Centre</b>						
<b>Saturday Afternoon</b>						
Shoestring Players	"A Small Affair"	60 min	12:30 - 12:45	12:30 - 12:45	1:00 - 2:00	2:00 - 2:15
NewStage Manitoba	"Hot Air and Cold Tofu"	15 min	12:15 - 12:30	2:00 - 2:15	2:15 - 2:30	2:30 - 2:45
A-Spire Players	"Private Lives"	60 min	12:00 - 12:15	2:30 - 2:45	2:45 - 3:45	3:45 - 4:00
<b>WORKSHOPS 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.</b>						
<b>Sunday Morning</b>						
Valley Stage Players	"Self Help"	25 min	Sat: 4:00 - 4:15	9:00 - 9:15	9:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:15
R-G Productions	"The Storyteller"	60 min	Sat: 4:15 - 4:30	10:00 - 10:15	10:15 - 11:15	11:15 - 11:30
<b>Workshops 12:00—1:00</b>						
<b>CLOSING CEREMONIES: 11:30 - 11:45</b>						
<b>SUNDAY LUNCH 11:45 - 1:00 p.m. at the Wilderness Edge Conference Centre</b>						

**Pinawa Players**

Pinawa

**Blue Murder**

Anonymous

Director: Roger Dutton

Cast

<i>Celia (Miss Briggs)</i> .....	Judith Simpson
<i>Charles (Mr. Wordsworth)</i> .....	John Tait
<i>Lady Stanhope (Mrs. Humbey)</i> .....	Myrna Tiede
<i>Amy (Violet)</i> .....	Wanda Woodbeck
<i>Nurse (Miss Plumb)</i> .....	Carol Findlay
<i>Curate (Himself)</i> .....	Daryl Woodbeck
<i>Stage Hand (Mrs. Roundhay)</i> .....	Linda Tait

Friday 8:00 p.m.

**Broken Record Productions**

Winnipeg

**The Illegal Playwriting Class**

By John Lazarus

Cast

<i>Doctor</i> .....	Robert King
<i>Madam</i> .....	Judy Arnason
<i>Captain</i> .....	Brian Langlotz
<i>Voice</i> .....	Bill Moore

**The Pitch**

By Norm Foster

Director: Bill Moore

Cast

<i>Bobby Holland</i> .....	Bill Moore
<i>Francine</i> .....	Judy Arnason
<i>Gordon</i> .....	Robert King

Saturday 9:30 a.m.

**Thompson Playhouse** Thompson**Tales from Thompson**

By Members of Thompson Playhouse

Directed by Performers

Cast

<i>Gloria King</i> .....	Shannon Ethier
<i>Monique</i> .....	Robyn Foley
<i>Dr. Nomad</i> .....	Ingrid Botha
<i>Undertaker</i> .....	Kevin Hopton
<i>The Bereaved</i> .....	Robyn Foley
<i>Mom</i> .....	Ingrid Botha
<i>Dad</i> .....	Kevin Hopton
<i>Laura</i> .....	Shannon Ethier

Saturday 10:45

**Shoestring Players** Winnipeg**A Small Affair** By Bob Larbey

Director: Katherine McLennan

Cast

<i>Guy Green (director)</i> .....	Karl Eckstrand
<i>Judy (stage manager)</i> .....	Trinity Sigurdson
<i>Terry (aging alcoholic actor)</i> .....	Pete Hudson
<i>Ellen (emotional actress)</i> .....	Cathy Hall
<i>Harry (maintenance man)</i> .....	Don Carruthers
<i>Mona (the Diva)</i> .....	Andrea Marantz
<i>Janet (Mona's nemesis/rival)</i> .....	Monica Reis
<i>Ada (cleaner)</i> .....	Rhonda Kennedy Rogers
<i>Harriet (journalist)</i> .....	Tiffany Humble
<i>Caroline (personal assistant)</i> .....	Allyson Brown
<i>Mrs. Hodge (game show contestant)</i> ..	Brenda Born
<i>Mrs. Webb (game show contestant)</i> ..	Linda Meckling
<i>Mrs. Platt (game show contestant)</i> ..	Joan Wilton
<i>Ron (security guard)</i> .....	Paul Warkentin
<i>Stevie (executive producer)</i> .....	Marilynn Slobogian
<i>Sally (administrative assistant)</i> .....	Kristin Black
<i>Head of Drama</i> .....	Richard Howell

**Place:** A television studio rehearsal room **Time:** The present

Saturday 1:00 p.m.

**NewStage Manitoba**  
Winnipeg

**Hot Air and Cold Tofu**

By Dale Watts

Director: Dale Watts

Cast

*Dr Harley Fuzuki*..... Dave Pruden  
*Terri Baxter*..... Arden Pruden

Saturday 2:15 p.m.



**A-Spire Players**  
Gimli

**Private Lives (Act 1)**

By Noel Coward

Director: Roger Newman  
Asst. Director: Scott Cameron

Set Design: Tony Ducharme, Technical: Pierre Parent

Cast

*Elyol*..... Rob Jantz  
*Amanda*..... Tina Leach  
*Victor*..... Mike Geilas  
*Sybil*..... Ambyr Bergevall

Saturday 2:45 p.m.

**Valley Stage Players**  
Swan River

**Self-Help – Scenes 1 & 2**

By Norm Foster

Director: Kathleen Freed

Cast

*Hal*..... Pal Freed  
*Cindy*..... Kathleen Freed  
*Voice (recording)*..... Lloyd Gilchrist

Sunday 9:30 a.m.



**R-G Productions**  
Winnipeg

**The Storyteller**

By Heather Forgie

Director: Heather Forgie  
*Stage Manager* Sandy Klowak

Cast

*Scheherazade*..... Heather Forgie  
*Dunyazad*..... Hope Figueroa  
*Tamineh*..... Rachel Hiebert

Sunday 10:15 a.m.



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