

37th

ACT FESTIVAL

2015

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ACTFACE

MAY 1, 2 & 3, 2015

Hosted by
Theatre Amisk
of Dauphin

President's Message

Welcome to the 37th ACT Festival. I recently read a quote by Juliet Binochet that says "choosing to be in the theatre was my way to put down my roots. It was a way to choose a new family."

I would like to thank my Theatre Amisk family for hosting ACT Fest 2015. I have the privilege of being part of this special "family", and know how they work as a team. I can assure you this shall prove to be yet another fun creative weekend (not to mention the food).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my Theatre Amisk family for teaching me about theatre, the many happy moments, belly laughs, for treating my ideas respectfully and for always being there through the good times and life's obstacles.

Please sit back relax and enjoy this weekend of sharing and learning about community theatre. I look forward to my weekend of entertaining performances.

Tammy Barre

President ACT MB

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Host Committee Welcome

We, the members of the ACT Festival Host Committee and Theatre Amisk of Dauphin would like to take this opportunity to extend our warmest welcome to you.

As we celebrate the 37th Annual Provincial Drama Festival, may you meet old friends while sharing the excitement of the theatre.

This weekend would not have been possible without the assistance of the many volunteers and supporters of Theatre Amisk who offered their time, talents and generous donations to make this festival a success. We thank them all.

Please sit back, put on your happy face and enjoy!

Yours in theatre,

Yvonne Lillie, Jerry Joss, Genny Carriere

For Theatre Amisk



James Forsythe

Jim is happy to be back in Dauphin for the second time as an Act Fest adjudicator having had such fun in the funeral cars the first time around. In his quarter century keeping the candle in the window for theatre at Brandon University he is well into his second generation of theatre students. This past year saw him produce and direct his own adaptation of *The Complete Works of Shakespeare* (Abridged). And St. Mary's University Theatre in Calgary produced his adaptation of Barry Broadfoot's *Six War Years*. Next month he is looking forward to narrating a documentary film about Brandon at the turn of the last century. But more importantly to Jim the Act Fest means spring is here, theatre is alive and well, and his sailboat will soon be back in the water at Pelican Lake. Break a leg!

With Sincere Gratitude

The ACT Board and the Theatre Amisk Host Committee acknowledges the experience and expertise of all of our Adjudicators and the commitment they accepted for our 37th ACT Festival.

Thank You John, Brenda and Jim!



Brenda McLean

Brenda is a Winnipeg artist, whose focus is on physical performance and original creation and design. As Co-Artistic Director and Production Designer of Theatre Incarnate (www.theatreincarnate.ca) she has had the opportunity to help create and/or design many original or adaptive works. Brenda is a graduate of the U of W Honours Acting/Design program 2004. She has also trained in physical theatre with the International Theatre Company Teatr Korzenie- creating three shows with them; two of which were performed in Poland and presented at the International Theatre Festival in Tczew, Poland. *Replika 8* earned the "Best Performance Award" at the Festival. Recently, Brenda has been collaborating with Tom Stroud in an Improvisation Theatre and Dance Ensemble, creating a workshop presentation of *No Exit* this past September. Brenda's recent credits include: *Comedy of Errors* (Costume Design with SIR), *Fefu and her Friends* (Performer with Sarasvati Prod.), and *Celebration* (Director of PTE Adult Company). Brenda is also the Head of Wardrobe at Prairie Theatre Exchange and is the Teacher/Director for PTE's Adult Company. She has just finished her first short film *Collapsed* with which she wrote and performed in, and will be presented at the Envoi poetry festival in WPG this June.



John Bluethner

John Bluethner is elated to be returning for his third time adjudicating at the ACT Fest. He is a professional actor and director who performs in both official languages. He received an MFA in theatre from York University and has worked in theatre and film ever since. A stint at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Ontario was followed by appearances at MTC, Theatre Calgary and Stage West Winnipeg and Calgary, among others. He has performed in a number of Winnipeg Fringe and Master Playwright Festivals as well as directing for both. In French, he has performed in six productions for Le Cercle Moliere, including a lead role in *Douze homes en colere* (Twelve Angry Men). John has also taught theatre courses at the University of Winnipeg, Theatre Calgary and Actors Showcase. Film and television roles include *The Haunting in Connecticut*, *Cashing In* and *The Pinkertons*. He will be onstage at the Fringe Fest again this summer in *Circle Mirror Transformation*.



About ACT

The Association of Community Theatres of Manitoba (ACT) Inc. has its beginnings in the fall of 1976. At that time, several active theatre patrons perceived the need for a community Theatre Festival program, to be sponsored by the Manitoba Theatre Workshop, which is now Prairie Theatre Exchange. Thus a Director of the Outreach program to the Festival Advisory Board was appointed.

In 1978-1979, the Community Theatre Festival was realized and in 1982, its Board changes its name to The Association of Community Theatres of Manitoba Inc. and became an independent provincial organization. December of 1987 found the Association with a depleted executive and eroded rural participation. A steering committee was formed and a new executive was elected in February of 1988. The new executive acted quickly in the 1988-1989 term and initiated new memberships, appointed regional representatives in all regions and coordinated Regional Workshops. This began the renewal of the Association relationship with community theatre groups.

ACT is now a strong, non-profit organization that represents amateur theatre groups throughout the province and actively pursues the goals and objectives outlined in the Association's mandate. Since 1991, ACT has been a registered charity with the Province of Manitoba, Department of Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport & Consumer Protection.

37th ACT Festival 2015- Schedule of Events

Friday, May 1st

Registration Begins at 5:00pm

Opening Ceremonies 7:30pm

Theatre Amisk Production 8:00 – 9:00pm Adjudication 9:00 – 9:15pm

Saturday, May 2nd

Lunch 12:15-1:30pm

Cocktails 6:00 pm Banquet 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 3rd

Lunch 11:30am

Group	Play	Length	Tech. Time	Set-up Time	Performance Time	Adjudication & Strike Time/Set -Up
Friday Evening						
Theatre Amisk	Play On	50 min.			8:00–8:50 pm	8:50-9:05 pm
Saturday Morning						
The Phoenix Players	Circling the Bowl	20 min.	Friday PM	9:15- 9:30am	9:30-9:50 am	9:50-10:05am
The Prairie Players	Sleeping with a One Armed Man	35 min.	Friday PM	9:50–10:05am	10:10–10:45am	10:45 -11:00 am
Coffee Break 10:55 am – 11:15am						
Broken Record Productions	Thera Groupathy	45 min.	8:45-9:00 am	11:00-11:15am	11:15-12:00pm	12:00-12:15pm
Workshop Time 12:15 – 1:15 pm						
Saturday Lunch In the Firehall Lunch Room						
Saturday Afternoon						
A-Spire Players	Such a Nice Little Kitty	45 min.	1:00-1:15pm	1:15-1:30pm	1:30-2:15pm	2:15-2:30pm
Flatlands Theatre Company	Pith!	60 min.	12:45-1:00pm	2:15-2:30pm	2:30-3:30pm	3:30-3:45pm
Workshop Time 3:45 – 4:45 pm						
Sunday Morning						
Whitemud Comedy Company	Reunion	25 min.	Sat 3:45-4:00pm	9:15-9:30am	9:30-9:55am	9:55-10:10am
Rapid City Drama Club	Not My Cup of Tea	30 min.	Sat 4:00-4:15pm	10:00-10:15am	10:15-10:45am	10:45-11:00am
Closing Ceremonies 11:15 – 11:30am						
Sunday Lunch 11:30 am In the Firehall Lunch Room						
Workshop Time 12 noon – 1:00 pm						

Theatre Amisk of Dauphin

Dauphin

“Play On !”

By: Rick Abbot

Director: Yvonne Lillie

Cast in Order of Appearance

Aggie Manville.....Karen Leask
Geraldine Dunbar.....Mariann Harvey
Henry Benish.....George Rempel
Polly Benish.....Enid Graham
Marla “Smitty” Smith.... Annette Clement
Saul Watson.....Martijn van Luijn
Billy Carewe.....Travis Durston
Violet Imbry.....Dana Smaluk
Louise Peary.....Dawn Aberson-Risley
Phyllis Montague.....Yvonne Lillie



The Pheonix Players

Virden

“Circling the Bowl”

By: George Baker

Director: George Baker

Cast

Al.....Kelvon Smith
Jean.....Diane Burke
Don.....George Baker
James.....Karl de Paepe

The Prairie Players

Portage la Prairie

“Sleeping with a One-Armed Man”

By: Terrie Todd

Director: Terrie Todd

Cast

Jim.....Christopher Kitchen
Tracy.....Laurel Giesbrecht
Multiple RolesVicky Hooke
Multiple Roles.....Rosa Rawlings
Multiple Roles.....Terry Tully

Broken Record Productions

Winnipeg

“Thera Groupathy”

By: Christine Hallick

Director: Bill Moore

Cast

Dick Johnson.....Bill Moore
Jane Johnson..... Judy Arnason
Diane Mathison.....Dorothy Telman
Donald Mathison Bob Galston
Douglas Mihalyk.....Bryce Hallick
Debbie Mihalyk.....Christine Hallick
Nancy McNaughton... ..Dom Hupe
Jeff McNaughton.....Brian Langlotz

Flatlands Theatre Company

Winkler

“Pith!”

By: Stewart Lemoine

Director: Patsy Penner

Cast

Victoria Tilford.....Angela Klassen
Jack Vail.....Chuck Fefchak
Nancy Kimble.....Jeanette Hoepner



A-Spire Players

Gimli

“Such a Nice Little Kitty”

By: Pat Cook

Director: Larry Burdeny

Cast

Walter Hebert.....Larry Burdeny
Edna Hebert.....Sarah Chapnick
Office Kelly.....Colin Welch

Whitemud Comedy Company

Neepawa

“Reunion”

By: Rrain Prior

Director: Rrain Prior

Cast

Mother.....Cathy McGrath
Daughter...Amanda Naughton-Gale

Rapid City Drama Club

Rapid City

“Not My Cup of Tea”

By: A. F. Groff

Director: Karen Martin

Cast

Emmie.....Alissa Fulford

Jessica.....Karen Martin

Mother.....Mary Phillips

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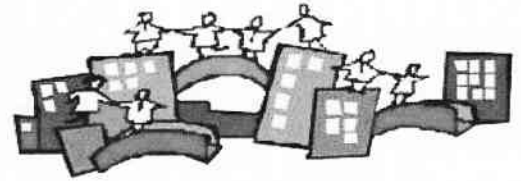


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