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THE 17TH ANNUAL



**A.C.T.  
FESTIVAL**

Friday • Saturday • Sunday

**MAY 5•6•7**

1995

**W.M.C.A.**

HOSTED BY CENTURY STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

# Welcome

## From Our President

The role of The Association of Community Theatres of Manitoba (A.C.T.) focuses on the development of the theatre arts through education and programming. Every year the role of the association has been expanding as more member groups participate in the Festival, and the Regional Workshops. More people are supporting the association than ever before, providing a healthy growth.



**SANDY KEACHIE**

A special thank you is extended to the host group, Century Stage Entertainment of Brandon, for their diligent work in bringing this Festival to reality.

The 17th Annual A.C.T. Festival is cause for celebration! A celebration of our craft . . . as artists in Community Theatre!  
Kindest regards,

*Sandy*

## The Mayor of Brandon



Congratulations to Century Stage Entertainment on hosting the 1995 A.C.T. Festival – this is going to be a great weekend for all theatre lovers.

As Mayor and on behalf of the Members of Council, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the visiting theatre companies. I do hope you will enjoy your stay in the City of Brandon and the events that are planned for your pleasure.

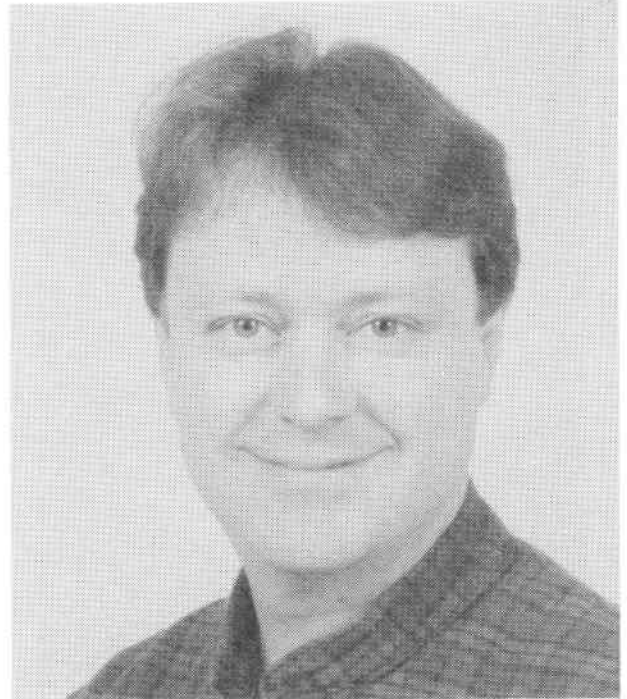
Best wishes to everyone attending this Festival – I know it will be a huge success.  
Yours truly,

*Rick Borotsik*

**Rick Borotsik**  
Mayor



# ADJUDICATORS

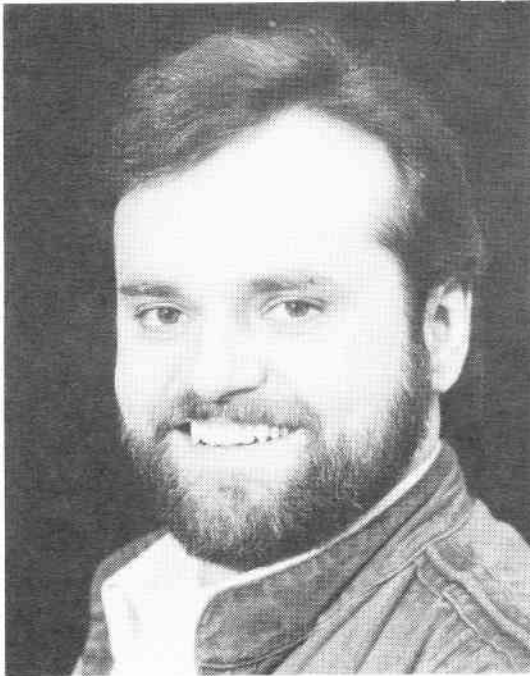


**JAMES FORSYTHE**

Jim Forsythe is currently Professor of Drama at Brandon University, where his classes are in high demand. In his five years there he has produced three plays, five musicals and an opera. Among the highlights were his own musical creation *Six War Years* and his Brandon acting debut as John in the controversial play *Oleanna*. A member of both Canadian Actor's Equity Association and the Performers Guild of ACTRA since 1977, Jim has performed on professional stages across the country from Victoria to Toronto. A versatile actor who is equally at home in dinner theatre comedy or Shakespeare, he is constantly looking for new challenges. In the summer of 1994 he worked with Sacred Space Theatre in their production of *Fire* which took place in an abandoned limestone quarry outside of Banff during which the only things not burning were some of the actors and most of the rocks. He received his training at the Universities of Alberta and Victoria. Committed to bringing theatre to the community, he is proud to be a part of the A.C.T. Festival as an adjudicator and workshop facilitator.



# ADJUDICATORS



**B. PAT BURNS**

**B.** Pat Burns trained at the University of Winnipeg in Technical Theatre, Acting and Directing. B. Pat began his professional career in Technical Theatre, most notably as Production manager for the Manitoba Puppet Theatre's European tour and as Technical Director of the Gas Station Theatre. His focus, however, remained fixed on the artistic side of theatre and he went on to establish himself as a professional director, actor and teacher. B. Pat's most recent directing credits include *See Bob Run* and *Etienne* for Theatre Projects Manitoba, where he went on to serve as Interim Artistic Director for the first half of the past season. B. Pat is also a founding member of Shakespeare In The Ruins, and played the role of Capulet in the critically acclaimed production of *Romeo and Juliet* that launched their inaugural season last May. He has taught a large variety of classes and workshops in all areas of theatre; and for five years was Young Company Director for Manitoba Theatre For Young People, where he developed a successful pre-professional program for teens.



# ADJUDICATORS



**ANNE BARAGAR**

**A**nne Baragar studied theatre at the University of Winnipeg, the Banff School of Fine Arts and Westfield College, University of London, England. She has taught a wide range of classes and workshops for acting students, drama teachers, and community theatre groups. Anne's association with Manitoba Theatre for Young People has spanned nine years, including three years as Theatre School Principal. This year at MTYP, Anne directed the Junior Company production of *Sticks & Stones*, a collective exploring the dynamics of gang violence, which was based on Sir William Golding's novel *Lord of the Flies*. Her latest stage appearance was as "Anne" in the 1993 hit production of *Ce Weekend La* for Theatre Projects Manitoba. Anne is pleased to be returning this summer as a faculty member for Summer Theatre School Manitoba, teaching workshops on Shakespeare and Collective Theatre.



# ADJUDICATORS



**IAN FERGUSON**

Ian Ferguson, a graduate of the University of Alberta, is the Artistic Director of Edmonton's Union Theatre, and the Great West Summer Theatre in Fort Macleod. He is also an award-winning playwright (*Elephant Shoes*, *Uncle Joe Again*, *A Matter of Fact*, *Lasky's Fortune*, and others) and dramaturge. His most recent work, *The Daughters of Judy La Marsh*, was presented in Brandon last year for a Provincial Liberal Convention. *A Closet Full of Navy Blues* was performed in Florida in April of 1995, also one of Ian's works.

Ian is pleased to be a part of this year's A.C.T. Festival and is looking forward to the productions.



# GUEST SPEAKER



**NANCY DRAKE**

Since appearing in last season's production of *A Christmas Carol – The Musical*, as Mrs. Dobbs, Ms. Drake played Ida in *The Cemetery Club* for the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre, Muriel in *Washing Spider Out*, was featured in *The Trial at Fortitude Bay*, a feature film for CBC. Ms. Drake also directed *InQuest* for Prairie Theatre Exchange and *Clara* for the Winnipeg Fringe Festival. Ms. Drake continues to dramaturge and teaches Creative Drama Process at Manitoba Youth Theatre.



# Schedule of Events:

## FRIDAY

- Opening Ceremonies . . . . . 7:15 p.m.
- Crimes of the Heart . . . . . 7:45 p.m.
- President's Night  
Wine & Cheese Reception  
for A.C.T. Members . . . . . 9:15 - 12:00 p.m

## SATURDAY

- Mind Over Medicine . . . . . 9:00 a.m.
  - Wake . . . . . 10:00 a.m.
  - Crossing the Bar . . . . . 11:15 a.m.  
LUNCH . . . . . 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
  - The Drunkard or The Fallen Saved 1:30 p.m.
  - Bread Crumbs and Table Legs . . . 3:00 p.m.
  - The Twin Mendaccios . . . . . 4:05 p.m.
- ☆☆☆☆
- Cocktails . . . . . 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
  - Banquet and Dance . . 7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.  
for A.C.T. Members  
GUEST SPEAKER . . . . . Nancy Drake

## SUNDAY

- Just Desserts . . . . . 9:00 a.m.
- Softy . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
LUNCH . . . . . 11:45 - 1:15 p.m.
- A Short Walk After Dinner . . . . . 1:15 p.m.
- Ba Ha Ha . . . . . 2:15 p.m.
- Closing Ceremonies

# FRIDAY

## Century Stage Entertainment

~ BRANDON ~

presents

# "Crimes of the Heart"

by Beth Henley

Acts 2 & 3

(of 3 acts)

## CAST

Babe Botrelle . . . . . Lisa Butler  
Barnette Lloyd . . . . . Corey Flynn  
Lenny McGrath . . . . . Karen Loewen  
Meg McGrath . . . . . Gina Salyn  
Chick Boyle . . . . . Debra Mason  
Doc Porter . . . . . John Szabo

## DIRECTED BY

Joyce Winter-Schmidt

## STAGE MANAGERS

Roxann Ross and Donna August



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"Driving Miss Daisy" & "Take Five"

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# A.C.T. Festival 1995 - Schedule of Events



Registration  
Opening Ceremonies

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
7:15 - 7:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1995

Lunch  
Cocktails  
Banquet

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

## SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1995

Lunch  
A.C.T. General Meeting

11:45 - 1:15 p.m.  
12:45 - 1:15 p.m.

GROUP	PLAY	LENGTH OF PRODUCTION	TECHNICAL TIME	SET UP TIME	PRODUCTION TIME	TAKE DOWN TIME	ADJUDICATION	WORKSHOP
<b>FRIDAY, May 5, 1995</b>								
Century Stage	Crimes of the Heart	60 min.	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.		7:45 - 8:45 p.m.	8:45 - 9:00 p.m.	9:00 - 9:15 p.m.	Sat. 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
<b>SATURDAY, May 6, 1995</b>								
Smiles & Chuckles	Mind Over Medicine	30 min.	8:30 - 9:00 a.m.		9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Pinawa Players	Wake	45 min.	Fri 9:15 - 9:30 p.m.	9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	11:00 - 11:15 a.m.	11:15 - 12:15 p.m.
Tiger Hills Amateur Theatre	Crossing The Bar	15 min.	8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	11:00 - 11:15 a.m.	11:15 - 11:30 a.m.	11:30 - 11:45 a.m.	11:45 - 12:00 noon	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
LUNCH 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.								
Shoestring Players	The Drunkard or the Fallen Saved	60 min.	1:00 - 1:30 p.m.		1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Exit Stage Left	Bread Crumbs & Table Legs	35 min.	12:45 - 1:00 p.m.	2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	3:00 - 3:35 p.m.	3:35 - 3:50 p.m.	3:50 - 4:05 p.m.	4:05 - 5:05 p.m.
Prairie Players	The Twin Mendaccios	30 min.	12:30 - 12:45 p.m.	3:50 - 4:05 p.m.	4:05 - 4:35 p.m.	4:35 - 4:50 p.m.	4:50 - 5:05 p.m.	5:05 - 6:05 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, May 7, 1995</b>								
Whitemud Comedy Co.	Just Desserts	60 min.	8:30 - 9:00 a.m.		9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Tara Players	Softy	40 min.	8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	10:30 - 11:10 a.m.	11:10 - 11:25 a.m.	11:25 - 11:40 a.m.	11:40 - 12:40 p.m.
LUNCH 11:40 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.								
Boissevain Drama Players	A Short Walk After Dinner	30 min.	12:45 - 1:15 p.m.		1:15 - 1:45 p.m.	1:45 - 2:00 p.m.	2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Thezbian Theatre Co.	Ba Ha Ha	45 min.	12:30 - 12:45 p.m.	2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	2:15 - 3:00 p.m.	3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

# **S**ATURDAY

## **SMILES AND CHUCKLES**

~ RIDING MOUNTAIN ~

presents

### **"Mind Over Medicine"**

by Margaret Pople

#### **CAST**

Nurse Chainsaw . . . . . Tanya Unger  
Patient (Mr. Feckless). . . . John Malanik  
Dr. Sabre . . . . . Dave Koszman  
Wife (Anvil) . . . . . Alice Unger  
Elvis . . . . . Kathryn Wrightson

#### **DIRECTED BY**

Lynn Lelond

#### **PINAWA PLAYERS**

~ PINAWA ~

presents

### **"Wake"**

by David Widdicombe

#### **CAST**

Ellen . . . . . Helen Tomlinson  
Chloe . . . . . Christine Shoesmith

#### **DIRECTED BY**

Shirley Kozier

## **TIGER HILLS AMATEUR THEATRE**

~ HOLLAND ~

presents

### **"Crossing the Bar"**

by Don Nigro

#### **CAST**

Gretchen . . . . . Wendy Worth  
Margaret . . . . . Donna Cuddy  
Corpse . . . . . Ian Scott

#### **DIRECTED BY**

Linda Clark

#### **LUNCH**

#### **MANITOBA SPEECH ASSOCIATION SHOESTRING PLAYERS**

~ WINNIPEG ~

presents

### **"The Drunkard or the Fallen Saved"**

Adapted by Wm. H. Smith

#### **CAST**

Mrs. Wilson . . . . . Margaret Downie  
Mary Wilson . . . . . Maureen Taggart  
Lawyer Cribbs . . . . . Walter Mildren  
Edward Middleton . . . . . Peter Spencer  
Miss Spindle . . . . . Marion Neild  
William Downton . . . . . Robert Begg  
Agnes Downton . . . . . Primrose Hopkins  
Mrs. Johnson . . . . . Marion Mills  
Julia . . . . . Carolyn Boyes  
Mr. Rencelaw . . . . . Michael Elliot

#### **DIRECTED BY**

Primrose Hopkins

**EXIT STAGE LEFT**

~ CARBERRY ~

presents

**"Breadcrumbs and  
Table Legs"**

by Wm. Anthony Connolly

**CAST**

Alice ..... Anne Brolund  
Brin ..... Sandie Keachie

**DIRECTED BY**

Anne & Sandie



**PRAIRIE PLAYERS**

~ PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE ~

presents

**"The Twin Mendaccios"**

by Jules Tasca

**CAST**

Terry & Tommy Mendaccio  
..... Jackie Corrigan  
Clarence Hancock ..... Jeff Prieur

**DIRECTED BY**

Gary Pedden

**SUNDAY**

**WHITEMUD COMEDY CO.**

~ NEEPAWA ~

presents

**"Just Desserts"**

by Margaret Pople

**CAST**

Anna ..... Pam Roberts  
Kay ..... Pauline Zygadlo  
Bonnie ..... Marlene Siatecki  
Judy ..... Kathryn Wrightson  
Tom ..... Eric Gustafson  
Arthur ..... Michael Fleger  
Mrs. Templeton ..... Lynn Lelond  
Mildred ..... Kathy Walker  
Shelly ..... Emma McCarthy  
Rhonda ..... Jean Forsman  
Phil ..... Daryl Critchlow  
Harvey ..... Bill Sims

**DIRECTED BY**

Don Walmsley



**TARA PLAYERS**

~ WINNIPEG ~

presents

**"Softy"**

**CAST**

Softy ..... Roberta Mack  
Adele & Child .... Shannon O'Rourke & Child  
David ..... Patrick Jackson  
Waiter ..... Marcia Henson  
Woman (Terrorist Leader) .... Carol McQuarrie  
Extras ..... Various Cast Members

**DIRECTED BY**

Brendan Carruthers



# BOISSEVAIN DRAMA PLAYERS

~ BOISSEVAIN ~

presents

## "A Short Walk After Dinner"

by Cleve Haubold

### **CAST**

Charles Haven . . . . . Les Diehl  
Wiltha Moore . . . . . Linda Ransom  
Judy Collins . . . . . Dawn Janz

### **DIRECTED BY**

Dawn Janz



# THEZBIAN THEATRE CO.

~ BRANDON ~

presents

## "Ba Ha Ha"

by Lyle Victor Albert

### **CAST**

Georgina Worth . . . . . Gail Slobogian  
Warner Meyer . . . . . Stan Janz

### **DIRECTED BY**

Sean Bowie

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