

the Carol Shields
**FESTIVAL OF
 NEW WORKS**

PLAY FORWARD

What to see at the 2018 Festival

THURSDAY, MAY 24 – ARTS FUSION KICKOFF

7:00 pm An electrifying multi-discipline showcase of short works by members of the **PTE Playwrights Unit**, poet **Duncan Mercredi**, singer/songwriter **Tom Keenan**, **White Rabbit Productions**, **Atlaas**, **Hot Thespian Action**, **Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet School**, choreographer **Brent Lott**, and local filmmakers **Solmund MacPherson** and **Ti Hallas** -- PLUS personal reflections by Cree playwright **Kenneth T. Williams** (*Thunderstick*, PTE 2011).

FRIDAY, MAY 25

- Noon-1 pm** **Short Shots** – Eat and be entertained during your lunch hour! Bring your lunch and eat it in the theatre, while you watch five new short plays, presented as lively staged readings. Written by some of our favourite PTE playwrights, these are fun, thoughtful and quirky little plays that will show you just how much great storytelling can be packed into just ten minutes or less!
- 6:00 pm** **Reading: *Wine and Little Breads*** by Armin Wiebe (*presented by Theatre Projects Manitoba & Manitoba Association of Playwrights*)
 When Oata confides that a childhood prayer triggers thoughts of God as a cauliflower, Louella blurts out that the same prayer makes her taste wine and little breads. Thus begins a revelation of the darkness lurking behind the ordered surface of family and community.
- 7:30 pm** **Reading: *The Women of the Fur Trade*** by Frances Koncan (*presented by Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre*)
 A Fort in the year Eighteen Hundred and Something Something. Louis Riel is heading home after years away predicting mustache trends and writing poems. Meanwhile, three young women with a flair for Fur Trade fashion, eagerly await his return.
- 9:15 pm** **Reading: *How to Deal When You Think You Can't Even*** by Debbie Patterson (*presented by Prairie Theatre Exchange*)
 Her Grandma is broke, dying and moving in. Her Mom is bitter and may get fired. So, why are they both harassing her about skipping school? Can I get a detention from my life?

SATURDAY, MAY 26

- 1:00 pm** **Workshop Performance: *Devised TYA Creation*** by the Emerging Creators Unit (*presented by Manitoba Theatre for Young People*)
 Led by playwright Rick Chafe and theatre deviser Andraea Sartison, the Emerging Creators Unit is a group of artists interested in investigating Theatre for Young Audiences and developing new work, using the work at MTYP as inspiration. This year, we were inspired by maps - using them as design elements, launch pads for new scripts and explorations of personal stories.
- 2:00 pm** **Readings: *One Night Stand*** - Excerpts from works in progress (*presented by Sarasvati Productions*)
 Instant gratification. Immediate results. Playwrights and creators preparing for the 2018 Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival test their works in progress as part of Sarasvati Productions' reading series!
- 4:00 pm** **Reading: *You Are Her(e)*** by Angela Chalmers - **with ASL Interpreter** (*presented by Sick + Twisted*)
You Are Her(e) is the story of a woman who is finding her voice again after experiencing a traumatic event. It is an intimate performance and a comedic tale offering a look into the world of a woman living with visible and invisible disabilities.
- 7:00 pm** **Reading: *Children's Special Services*** by Tricia Cooper (*presented by Prairie Theatre Exchange*)
 In a moment of utter frustration, Carrie does something really stupid or really brilliant to the uncooperative pencil-necked social worker that is supposed to be supporting her son who has a disability. Sometimes desperate times call for insane and hilarious measures.
- 9:00 pm** **Reading: *The Cousins of Corsica*** by Jessi Séguin (*presented by Shakespeare in the Ruins*)
 Betrayed monarchs. Mistaken identities. Madcap antics. Actors playing more than one character in the same scene. A modern work with deeply iambic root

PLUS – Boca del Lupo's **RED PHONE** will be in the lobby throughout the entire Festival.

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