

THE 2005 - 2006 SEASON



COPENHAGEN by Michael Frayn

October 12 – 30, 2005

Tony Award-winner

In 1941 the German physicist Werner Heisenberg made a strange, clandestine trip to Copenhagen to see his Danish counterpart, Niels Bohr. Their work together on quantum mechanics and the uncertainty principle had revolutionized atomic physics. But now the world had changed and the two men were on opposite sides in a world war. Why Heisenberg went to Copenhagen and what he wanted to say to Bohr are questions that have vexed historians ever since, but Michael Frayn's fiercely intelligent and daring play poses some possible answers.

DOGBARKED by James O'Shea

November 16 – December 4, 2005

Life on the Prairies takes centre stage in this broad and intelligent comedy about two brothers who decide to create a new town after the highway that once ran past their residence/gas station was rerouted a few miles away. Having just settled on "Dogbarked, Saskatchewan" as the name of their dream, the outside world intrudes in the form of a pair of Torontonians, who are scouting locations for a series of beer ads, and are looking for a lost dog. Gentle but biting humor paints an endearing portrait of a place where nothing much happens, but life goes on anyway.

GIRL IN THE GOLDFISH BOWL by Morris Panych

January 11 – 29, 2006

Winner of the Governor General Literary Award for Drama 2004

In a town where "nothing ever happens" lives a precocious 11 year-old named Iris with her estranged parents and their boarder, Miss Rose. Set during the height of the cold war in the sixties, the play opens as Iris's beloved goldfish dies and a stranger surfaces on the beach. Is he an escaped mental patient, a Russian spy or, as Iris comes to believe, the reincarnation of her goldfish? This Governor General Award-winning play resonates as both a poignant coming-of-age drama and a quiet but compelling examination of quietly desperate lives.

MARION BRIDGE by Daniel MacIvor

February 15 – March 5, 2006

Black sheep of the family Agnes returns from Toronto to her hometown of Sydney, Nova Scotia to help nurse her terminally-ill mother. But family can bring out the worst in a person – despite their best efforts to behave like a grown-up! Much to her sisters' discomfort, her presence loosens the lid on some closely-guarded secrets. More shocking than the truth about each other, more surprising than the truth about themselves, is the discovery of hope within pain, of laughter within grief, and of the human ability to heal even the deepest of scars.

WINGFIELD ON ICE by Dan Needles

March 22 – April 9, 2006

Rod Beattie returns with another installment of the much-loved chronicles of Walt Wingfield. As the first frost comes to Persephone Township, Walt and Maggie Wingfield are all set to welcome new life to the farm – she's expecting and he's nesting. But Walt is alarmed about the old feuds that divide the neighbours and disturb the tranquility of the community. His attempts to mend other people's fences meet with a resistance as stiff and cold as the weather itself. And the biggest challenge to all of them is looming on the horizon when the Mother-of-all ice storms hits home, and the bickering neighbours are forced to hunker down together.

FAMILY HOLIDAY SHOW

MUNSCHAPALOOZA

Based on the stories by Robert Munsch, adapted by Arne Macpherson & Debbie Patterson

World Premiere

The tradition continues with a new batch of Robert Munsch stories brought to life on the stage. Expect to see some old favourites, along with some new ones, performed with the kind of kid-friendly fun that PTE is famous for!



Brian Linds & Allan Zinyk in *Dogbarked*.



Jillian Fargus in *Fishbowl*.