

THE 2012 - 2013 SEASON



Quirky & engaging family drama

THE BRINK by Ellen Peterson

October 11 – 28, 2012

World Premiere

Pat has always lived in the shadow of famous family members: a grandmother who went over Niagara Falls in a barrel in 1910; an uncle who was almost an Olympic pole vaulter (if the 1940 Olympics hadn't been cancelled) and then a survivor of a Japanese POW camp; and a notorious wild-child of a mother. And yet, even as mankind stands poised to walk on the moon, and the world is on the brink of an explosion of technology, Pat can't seem to gather the courage to make any kind of leap at all. Is trying to save the family print shop from extinction enough of a life, or should she take the advice of an American soldier hiding out from the Vietnam war and finally step over the brink to something different?

A bittersweet love story

THE SWEARING JAR by Kate Hewlett

November 15 – December 2, 2012

Meet Carey and Simon, an otherwise-perfect married couple with a bit of a swearing problem. They're determined to kick the habit by the time their baby is born, but neither expects the hurdles that stand before them. Simon's perpetually unhappy mother is quitting smoking – again. Simon has a secret. And Carey has a new friend – a musician named Owen that she met at a bookstore. With quirky characters, music and gentle humour, this lovely and intricately-constructed story is about meeting challenges head-on and finding hope. Winner of Best of Fringe at the 2008 Toronto Fringe Festival, and Outstanding New Play at the 2010 New York International Fringe Festival, this is a newly-updated full-length production.

A Comedy for Recessionary Times

THE DISHWASHERS by Morris Panych

January 24 - February 10, 2013 (Preview January 23)

Emmett was once a high-rolling patron of a high-end eatery. But thanks to a recent reversal in his fortunes, he's starting a new job -- as a dishwasher in that same restaurant. His mentor is Dressler, the philosophizing ruler of all he surveys from his carefully-marked out area at the break table. His only other co-worker, Moss, appears to be the oldest living dishwasher in the world, who doesn't realize he'd been fired weeks ago. A hilarious journey "below-stairs" into the unseen, steamy world of the up-scale restaurant "dish-pit".

Searing Social Drama

THIS IS WAR by Hannah Moscovitch

February 21 - March 10, 2013 (Preview February 20)

Produced in association with Tarragon Theatre

World Premiere

Four soldiers are being interviewed about an incident all too common in war, but unimaginably horrifying to those of us safe at home. Four different perspectives draw the audience into the soldier's reality, where the split second in which the decision is made to shoot or not shoot is the very essence of war. What is the aftermath of that kind of experience, and how do soldiers get through it to continue doing their job? These are questions that deserve examination, but don't often get discussed. Hannah Moscovitch is Canada's hottest young playwright, and brings all her storytelling skills to bear on this very controversial war.

A musical mystery film noir-style

GUNMETAL BLUES

Book by Scott Wentworth Music & Lyrics by Craig Bohmler and Marion Adler

April 4 - 21, 2013 (Preview April 3)

Gunmetal Blues is a hard-boiled detective yarn disguised as a lounge act -- or maybe it's the other way around. Live from the Red Eye Lounge, Buddy Toupee -- piano player and tour guide -- leads us on a voyage of mystery, murder and music as Sam Galahad searches for a missing blonde in a world of smoke and mirrors, shadows and shattered dreams. The murdered mogul, the missing heiress, the woman with a past, the crooked cop, the world-weary private eye -- they're all here and set to music that will have you humming along as you try to solve the mystery before the final bars end.

FAMILY HOLIDAY SHOW

MAGICAL MYSTERY MUNSCH

December 21, 2012 – January 6, 2013

Based on the stories by Robert Munsch, Adapted by Debbie Patterson

Prairie Theatre Exchange continues a Holiday season tradition of bringing the indelible and charismatic characters of Robert Munsch to vibrant life on the stage. This year, get ready for some groovy psychedelic fun, with lots of high-octane energy and loads of laughs. Five stories from Canada's most beloved children's author, including classics like Murnel, Murnel, Murnel, Mud Puddle and Millicent and the Wind and new favourites like ROAR! and Look at Me! -- all presented with the larger-than-life, kid-friendly fun our young audiences have come to expect.