

# A SEASON OF WARMTH & WIT

## SUBSCRIPTION SERIES

### SITUATIONAL COMEDY

#### **BED & BREAKFAST** by Mark Crawford September 24 – October 6, 2024

A Capitol Theatre Port Hope production

When Brett inherits the family home, he and Drew move out of quick-paced Toronto to set up a B&B in a quiet little tourist town. But will these big city boys face friction in their new community? With dozens of hilarious characters all portrayed by two men, *Bed & Breakfast* is a heartfelt comedy about “being out” in small town Ontario, skeletons in the closet, and finding a place to call home.

### MYTHICAL MEMOIR

#### **PONDEROSA PINE** by Andraea Sartison November 5 – 17, 2024 | World Premiere

A PTE production

One woman holds her entire family history: an ensemble of ancestors, a mythical prairie town trapped between the mountains and the sea, a horizon that thunders on to eternity and a tree in the centre that grows, is harvested, burns down and sprouts again. *Ponderosa Pine* is family history turned legend, turned myth – and woven together through stories both haunting and beautiful.

### ROMANTIC COMEDY

#### **OUTSIDE JOKE'S CHRISTMAS MIRACLE: An Improvised Holiday Rom Com** An Outside Joke production December 10 – 22, 2024 | World Premiere

This holiday season, the incredibly talented members of Outside Joke turn their attention to that holiday staple, the Christmas Movie. So many targets: big-city girl stuck in small town meets handsome handyman/farmer/failing business owner; family feuds; misunderstandings and miscommunications; enemy-to-lovers; and more. You'll be rolling in the aisles as the stereotypic tropes are given the Outside Joke treatment to hilarious effect.

### WITTY MURDER MYSTERY

#### **A KILLING AT LA CUCINA (A Lucia Dante Mystery)** by Thomas Morgan Jones February 25 – March 9, 2025 | World Premiere

A PTE co-production with Vertigo Theatre

A food critic is poisoned at the exclusive five-star restaurant Fate, known by staff as La Cucina. Who could have done such a heinous thing? Was it celebrated chef, Sebastian? The waiter, the dishwasher? Or perhaps the eccentric billionaire or tech giant? Detective Lucia Dante must untangle the web of deceit, petty jealousies, red herrings and hidden relationships to get to the truth. *A Killing at La Cucina* is a darkly witty murder mystery reminiscent of the *Knives Out* franchise, by PTE's own Thomas Morgan Jones.

### HEARTWARMING STORYTELLING

#### **RAISED BY WOMEN** by Keith Barker April 1 – 13, 2025 | World Premiere

A PTE Production

Celebrated Métis playwright Keith Barker grew up in Kenora and always saw Winnipeg as “the big city”. More importantly, he grew up surrounded by women who shaped his life and made him the man he is today. *Raised by Women* is Barker's tale of the lessons he learned through the women in his life. Barker, an extraordinary storyteller, jumps between times in his life effortlessly and seamlessly, making you feel as though you have been with him on every step of the journey. It's a funny and heartwarming love letter to the women who raised him.

## THE EXTRAS

### LIVE FILM-SCREENING AT PTE

#### **LES FILLES DU ROI**

by Corey Payette & Julie McIsaac

January 16, 2025 | A musical film in three languages

An Urban Ink & Raven Theatre Performance Society Production

In 1665, the Filles du roi (Daughters of the King) arrived in New France (present-day Montreal) to help populate the new world. The lives of a Mohawk girl and her brother are forever disrupted after they forge an unlikely relationship with a Frenchwoman whose dream of a new life is more complicated than she could have imagined. Over the course of a year, Mohawk, French and English journeys collide, setting the stage for the Canada we know today.

### DIGITAL PRESENTATION – STREAM ONLINE

#### **FAT JOKE** written & performed by Cheyenne Rouleau January 27 – February 2, 2025

A Newworld Theatre production

A fusion of stand-up comedy, storytelling, and unapologetic fact-blasting, *Fat Joke* thrusts fatphobia into the spotlight. Cheyenne Rouleau surgically dissects this seldom-discussed subject with a razor-sharp wit that leaves the audience confronting their assumptions. Brace yourself for a social commentary that challenges conventions, sparks crucial conversations, and keeps you laughing in the process.

### PTEinCONCERT

#### **DEAR MOM...** Mother's Day Concert Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 4pm

Building on the audience appreciation of our Valentine's Day Concert, PTE presents an afternoon of music and stories celebrating mothers, mother-figures and motherhood in all its complicated glory.



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*Raised by Women*

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