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Frozen, our QUONTA Festival entry and will travel to Sudbury during March Spring Break.

Frozen Deals With Heavy Issues

One of the most produced plays in the United States has also been produced around the world

Director **Randi Mraud** is not one to shy away from issues in her choice of plays. **The Drawer Boy, Annie May's Movement, Half Life, You Are Here, Snapshots**, and now, possibly the most challenging; **Frozen** by **Bryony Lavery**. **Frozen** focuses on Agnetha, a criminal psychologist studying the difference between crimes of evil and crimes due to brain abnormality, and her relationships with Ralph, a convicted pedophile and serial killer, and Nancy, whose young daughter was one of Ralph's many victims. **Frozen** raises issues of great importance for criminal justice. Is the murderer evil or is his crime only the symptom of an illness? The play also explores the act of forgiveness. How can it be possible for a mother to forgive a man who has sexually molested and murdered her young daughter? With its powerful emotional impact, **Frozen** has been an international success. In recent years it has been one of the most produced plays in the United States and has also been produced around the world in cities such as Dublin, Amsterdam, Madrid, and Paris.

Casting such a play is difficult and requires actors of experience and sensitivity.

The play's characters use raw language and are put through an emotional ringer. It is important that the auditions cover all aspects of the play so that actors can assess if they are capable of such demanding roles.

The role of Ralph is in the very capable hands of **Marc Beaudette**. Marc has handled many roles for STW, most recently in last year's **Bob's Your Elf**. He received much acclaim for his role in **God Of Carnage** earlier this month for In Your Eyes Projects.



Agnetha, the criminal psychologist, is portrayed by **Kassandra Bailey**. Kassandra played Cheri, the romantic lead in our season opener, **Bus Stop** directed by **Richard Howard**.



Christina Speers has taken on the role of Nancy, mother of the young victim. Although an experienced actress, Christina is new to the STW stage.



The role of the prison guard is handled by Tammy Flammia-Morin, another newcomer to STW.

The Producer of **Frozen** is **Tova Arbus** and it is Stage Managed by **Jarrett Mills**. Lighting Design is by **Phil Jones** while Technicians are **Sierra Mraud** and **Cody Lebrun**.

Sound Design and original music is by **Mike Cuthbertson** and operated by Sound Tech **Taylor Pacello**. **Valerie Wilson** and **Carol Gartshore** worked on costumes. Set Design/Construction credit goes to Penny Cobb, Meghan Beattie and Johnathon de Bastiani. Props looked after by Sandy Beckett.

We thank **Ali Moore** for Publicity and **Brandi McCallum** for Hospitality. **Bill Gardner** is our capable and friendly House Manager.

Frozen opens March 2nd and runs to March 6th with a Sunday matinee.

QUONTA FESTIVAL Sudbury 2016,

Hosted by Theatre Cambrian, Sudbury. Meet The Adjudicator, Play Line-up And More:



Rita Huschka is the Festival Adjudicator for the upcoming QUONTA Festival:



For forty years, Rita's primary focus has been community theatre. Her passion for community theatre has allowed her to work with companies in Canada, Scotland and in the Caribbean. She feels very privileged to have worked with amazing performers, musicians and playwrights. She is also a founding member of four community theatre companies in various countries. Read more about Rita on the QUONTA Festival 2016 Facebook page.

QUONTA Festival opens Tuesday March 15th with North Bay's entry, a new play by **Dr. Kristin Shepherd** called **Curved**. Wednesday, the 16th, Elliot Lake is presenting **Norm Foster's The Foursome**. On Thursday March 17, we have Gore Bay Theatre's presentation of **Kindertransport** by **Diane Samuels**. Take Two Theatre from Timmins presents Friday's play: **Nightingale** by **Don Nigro**. Our STW entry, **Frozen** by **Bryony Lavery** and directed by **Randi Mraud**, wraps up the festival presentations on Saturday March 19th.

The host hotel is the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 50 Brady St. Sudbury (off Paris St.) Visit the Facebook site to find details on workshops, ticket prices, Awards Brunch and package details. Festival Chair is **Helen Landry**.

Winner of the QUONTA Festival will be invited to the Theatre Ontario Festival in North Bay, long week-end in May.

STW Inherits Book Sale At Station Mall

Thanks to the Sault District Branch of Genealogy and their generous proposal STW was offered the opportunity to take over the



Sault Theatre Workshop Presents ...

Frozen connects the lives of three strangers involved in a child's disappearance: the mother of the child, the kidnapper and an American academic studying serial killers.

FROZEN

A Play by Bryony Lavery
Directed by Randi Mraud

"A major play...thrilling, humane and timely." —Times (London)
Nominated for a Tony Award for Best Play in 2004

March 2, 3, 4, 5 - 8 PM Curtain
March 6 - 2 PM Curtain
2016

Sault Theatre Workshop's
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121 Pittsburgh ave

*Mature themes *Strong Language

Tickets Available
at Box Office in
Station Mall

Our QUONTA Festival Entry

Sponsored by Stones Office Plus

annual book sale at the Station Mall in February (Family Day Weekend). The group also donated their ample supply of books stored in various basements and garages.

Our executive member in charge of Fundraising, **Kim Cyr**, posted this message:

"Hi All. I would like to thank all of you who volunteered for our first ever Book Sale this past weekend. Sandy has advised that we made **\$1,383.35**. I think this is fantastic as we had virtually no costs since the books were all donated from the Genealogy Society, we had volunteers working during the mall hours for 4 days and volunteers picking up and moving books.

We were short volunteers for our book sale, so maybe we can start a list of volunteers who may be interested in helping

out STW on fundraising events. If you know of some friends or family who may be interested, please ask them if you can submit their name and send it to me.

Currently the books are being stored in the STW kitchen but if anyone has dry storage and would like to keep them for us till next year, please let me know.

Thank you again for your much appreciated help.”

Kim Cyr 705-256-1086



Season 67 Preview Nights Continue To Help Local Charities

Our Preview Project continues to garner praise from local charities. STW has made our dress rehearsals into Preview Nights donating a hundred tickets for the evening to a local charity. **Bus Stop** Preview went to The Finnish Rest Home, while **The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby** preview benefitted the Alzheimer Society of Sault Ste Marie & Algoma District.

Next up, **Frozen**, has Canadian Mental Health Association, Sault Ste Marie as beneficiary, and our May production of **Proof** will see the Tarentorus Sports Club earning a donation.

The potential to raise over \$2000 is available for future productions and we have started a list for Season 68 already. Wherever possible, we try to match up the theme of the play to the charity goals. If you know a charity that could benefit from this program, have them get in touch with us. Email the request to hehouston@shaw.ca.

Invitations Have Gone Out For June One Act Festival Workshop

Want to learn to direct? Here's a chance to try it out in an intimate and friendly way with a learned professional. Sault Theatre Workshop is once again hosting this popular annual event. Invitations have gone out across the QUONTA region and will soon be posted on our web site and Facebook page. If you would like an invitation or entry form or just more information, don't hesitate to call Harry at (705) 946-4081.

We invite entries from our membership or other groups in the Sault area. The One Act Festival Workshop is a great opportunity for new or first time directors to get to know our theatre and members and try their wings in a supportive and mentoring atmosphere. It's also a fun opportunity for experienced directors to try new things or hone their skills.

Our adjudicator/Workshop leader this year is **John P. Kelly**.



John has accrued considerable experience adjudicating since moving to Canada from Ireland, including Theatre Ontario Festivals and regional festivals. He has adjudicated the QUONTA Festival as well. John will be driving in from Ottawa and he is

looking forward to working with our group.

Season And Seasoned Directors Wanted

We are also lining up directors and full-length plays for our coming seasons. If you have play suggestion you would like to direct, tell us about it. If you are a new member, tell us about your experiences as a director. We like to get our booking done well ahead and need time to order scripts, read them, check on availability of rights etc. Contact the editor if you are interested. We have a library of scripts you can browse.

We are always on the lookout for good scripts too. Heard of or seen a good play? Tell us about it. We like all kinds. We look to being able to announce the coming season right at the end of the current season. With 2017 being an important Canadian anniversary, Canadian plays will be given preference during that season.



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Watch for Auditions

For our May Production of **Proof** by David Auburn

We've had to change directors for this Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning Play, so stand by for announcements.

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All you have to do is send an email to hehouston@shaw.ca with Box 94 as the subject and give us your name and address so we can remove you from our snail mail list.

Fundraiser Pub Night Concert & Karaoke!!

Our upcoming production of Frozen is holding a "send-off" Pub Night Concert followed with Karaoke, Cash Bar. Proceeds to help with travel and hotel expenses for the QUONTA Festival in Sudbury

March 11th 8pm

Studio Theatre \$10 a Ticket

121 Pittsburgh Ave.

From Cast and Crew
or call and pay at the door 779-3958



MEMBER NEWS

Members **Mandy Knight** and **Matt Connors** had opportunity to work as crew on locally filmed episodes of **Vikings**. They posted these comments:

Mandy Knight



"Normally I would be excited about tonight's season four **Vikings** premiere. It's **Vikings**. It's amazeballs. But this time I got to have a hand in it when the second unit came here to film a few

episodes. I can't divulge more than that, obviously. But I do want to say that the entire cast and crew were simply a joy to work with. I hope I have the opportunity to work with them again. I made some amazing connections and wonderful friends. I'm very excited to see all our hard work!!

Turned movie star **Matt Connors** posted on Facebook his latest:



Matt Connors "I was very fortunate to be Alexander's "Stand In" on Episode 4 of this seasons "**Vikings**". The BEAR is real..and that BIG! I LOVE my job! I am very

grateful for the opportunities afforded me."

Photos are of Matt and **Alexander Ludvig** who plays Bjorn Lothbrok in the series, and Alexander with bear (unnamed).



Diane Hugill Lajambe has notified us that she is hosting a retirement party for **Michael Hennessy**.



"After 34 years of presenting Family Life Theatre Michael is retiring. Let's show him our love and appreciation by having a huge celebration! Save the Date!"

Thursday, April 28 at 7 PM Northern Grand Gardens Sault Ste Marie, Ontario
More information and how/where to get tickets coming soon.

Box 94 Wants To Hear From You!
SEND US YOUR MEMBER NEWS

Reminders

Frozen

- * **March 2, 3, 4, 5, at 8PM- & 6th at 2**
- * **Pub Night Concert & Karaoke Mar 11**
- * **Watch for Proof Auditions**
- * **QUONTA Festival – Sudbury**
March 15 to 20

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