



# BOX 94

## NEWSLETTER OF SAULT THEATRE WORKSHOP

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## Season Opener Bus Stop A Genuine Work Of Heart

### Director Howard Is Masterful At Guiding Actors To A Peak Performance

**William Inge's Bus Stop** is a classic. This touching comedy has been a favourite of **Richard Howard** and you can tell as he coaches the cast of eight, bringing out the nuances of the various characters trapped in a bus stop due to a road closure.

Set in a diner in rural Kansas during a snowstorm we meet a group of bus passengers, the bus driver and the locals including the sheriff. Grace Hoylard (**Randi Mraud**) owns the diner. Her waitress is Elma Duckworth played by **Courtney McDonald**. **Phil Jones** is Sheriff Will Masters. Bus Driver Carl (**Dunbar Thompson**) arrives with the stranded travellers who round out the cast and the fascinating stories that intertwine.

Dr. Gerald Lyman, a college professor with a taste for booze and younger women portrayed by **George Houston** charms the waitress, while cowboy Bo Decker (**Jarrett Mills**) has fixed his sights on pretty little show biz hopeful, Cherie, played by **Kassandra Bailey**. Bo's mentor and older travel companion Virgil played by **Ian Gold** does his best to keep Bo from trouble with the sheriff.

"There's conflict in **Bus Stop**," says director Howard, "but a lot of it is amusing and we don't get around to the deeper stuff until the play starts to evolve more and more. All the stories don't work out well. There's still a couple of lonely people there by the end of it."

**Bus Stop** set has been crafted by **Val Horsepool** with assistance from **Scarlett Marenger** and **Rick Mooney**. Costumes are handled by **Val Wilson**. On the tech side, we have **Rick Mooney** and **William Bailey** working the lights and sound.

Extra credit goes to Stage Management when **Randi Mraud** had to

leave the job to Assistant **Sandra Beckett** and take over the role of Grace, the diner owner, due to various injuries of original cast member **Shelly Gold** and then replacement **Ian Gold** as Virgil and **Jarrett Mills** as Bo. Photo by Ron Wilson

Producer **Scarlett Marenger** stepped in to help out as well.

Remember to book your ticket at the Station Mall Box Office if you haven't already. The play runs October 28, 29, 30, 31 with a matinee on November 1<sup>st</sup>



## Theatre Cambrian Hosting A 5 Show QUONTA Festival In Sudbury

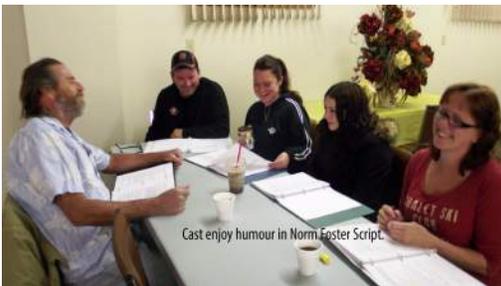
Set aside March 15 to 20, 2016, (Spring Break) for a week long theatre adventure with plays presented by groups from across Northern Ontario. The festival hosted by QUONTA's newest group member, Theatre Cambrian has entries from Elliot Lake, Gore Bay, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, and Timmins. The Workshop's entry, directed by **Randi Mraud**, is **Frozen**, a chilling drama written by **Bryony Lavery**. The playbill listing the other plays, host hotel, adjudicator and other details will be forthcoming in future newsletters but

Festival Chair, **Helen Landry** says mark your calendar now.

Theatre Cambrian has converted the former St. Eugene Church in Sudbury's west end, which the theatre company purchased in 2007, into a multi use arts facility. Renovations included theatrical seats and a slanted floor. It's a treat for long time QUONTA members to have a new group and venue hosting a festival.

## Norm Foster Comedy Is Cast And In Rehearsal

Just mention the title of our December production and you've already got people chuckling. **Norm Foster's** play **The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley**



**Fishing Derby** is living up to that response judging from cast reactions at the read through. The five-member cast had a hard time containing composure and many delays were incurred for catching of breath.

The three female cast members include **Terra McCrea** as Sienna Grey, **Lisa Consaul** as Rhonda Borkowski and **Courtney McDonald** as Melanie Morningside. Our two male cast are **Tim Bass** as James Bell and **Matt Connors** as Kirk Douglas.

Investment banker James Bell gets stuck in the sleepy town of Kooshog Lake during their annual fishing derby. It's a fish out of water story that becomes a quirky and hilarious fish IN the water story complete with romance, broken hearts and a shark attack.

The play is produced by **Kim Cyr** with **Val Horsepool** on Set and **Chris Horsepool** doing Lights. **Aidan Bass** handles the Sound while **Val Wilson** looks after Costumes. **Jasmine Nadon**

will take on Stage Management duties. **Harry Houston** directs and the play opens December 2<sup>nd</sup> for a two week run.

## Season 67 Preview Nights

Our Preview Project continues to garner praise from local charities. Sault Theatre Workshop has made our dress rehearsals into Preview Nights donating a hundred tickets for the evening to a local charity. We pay the royalties and the charity takes the profit. Our opening show, **Bus Stop** will have the preview tickets handed over to the **Finnish Resthome**. **The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby** preview (Dec.1<sup>st</sup>) will benefit the **Alzheimer Society of Sault Ste Marie & Algoma District**.

The potential to raise over \$2000 is



Sault Theatre Workshop presents...

## WILLIAM INGE'S ROMANTIC COMEDY

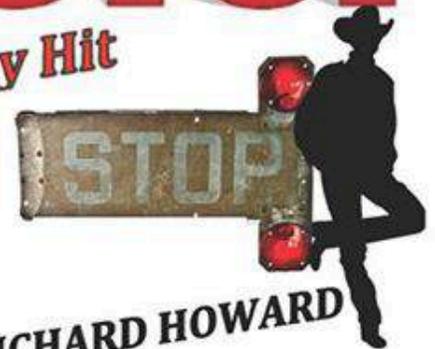
# BUS STOP

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### CAST

Kassandra Bailey  
Jarrett Mills  
Sonya Portengen  
Courtney McDonald  
George Houston  
Phil Jones  
Ian Gold  
Dunbar Thompson

*A Broadway Hit*



**DIRECTED BY: RICHARD HOWARD**  
**PRODUCED BY: SCARLETT MARENGER**

Show dates:

October 28, 29, 30 and 31 at 8:00pm

November 1 at 2:00pm

121 Pittsburgh Avenue | Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6C 5A9

Tickets available at the KCTC Box Office, Station Mall 705.945.7299

Adults \$28 | Seniors \$26 | Students \$18

Doors open at 7:00pm

Reserved seating for prepaid tickets only, seats are released at 7:50pm

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available for future productions. 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](mailto:hehouston@shaw.ca).

## PACKAGES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Season packages are available that will save you money. We have a **Three Show Package** and a **Five Show Package** with discounts. We are also offering our **Patron's Support Package** that includes membership, newsletter and a tax receipt for donation amount. Our ticket and packages are now being handled by the Box Office in the Station Mall.

## Studio Deck Upgraded!

Last winter was particularly challenging with the extra snow clearing but STW faced another dilemma. Our side deck, outside our emergency exit lifted with the frost and actually blocked the door. It was the kind of problem that couldn't be easily remedied and had to wait until summer weather. Our Building Committee came up with a plan that included Sono tubes and pouring a proper footing. This required some disassembly and moving the deck and stairs out and then back in when cement was hardened.

This fantastic feat was accomplished by our hero team led by Ron Wilson and including Kim and Robert Cyr and Jerry Jubinville. Thanks to their efforts we'll have a worry free entry/exit to get us through the winter. We expect this deck will eventually link to an accessibility ramp.

So a **HUGE** thanks and many hugs to our team of volunteers!

## Still Looking For Directors and Plays For Future Seasons

If you are interested in directing a play for Sault Theatre Workshop, please contact the executive or email Harry with your suggestions of plays you

# Auditions

Sault Theatre Workshop's  
March production



Our QUONTA  
Festival Entry

**Frozen**  
by  
Bryony Lavery

Directed by  
**Randi Mraud**

\*Mature themes \*Strong Language

Wednesday and Thursday

**Nov. 25 and 26**  
7 - 9 PM

at Community Of Christ Church  
(corner of McNabb and Windsor)

*Frozen* is a play by Bryony Lavery that tells the story of the disappearance of a 10-year-old girl, Rhona. The play follows Rhona's mother and killer over the years that follow. They are linked by a doctor who is studying what causes men to commit such crimes. The themes of the play include emotional paralysis and forgiveness. The thirty scenes in this play are a rotation of monologues from each of three main characters:

Nancy, the mother of the murdered girl;

Ralph, the pedophile who was himself abused as a child;

Agnetha, a researcher engaged in a study to determine why some violent criminals behave without remorse, while

dealing with grief of her own.

Actors must be  
available to travel  
(QUONTA Festival in  
Sudbury)

Production Dates

**March 2 - 6, 2016**

+ a QUONTA date in March

Nominated for a  
Tony Award for  
Best Play in 2004

"A major play...thrilling, humane and  
timely." —Times (London)

would like us to consider for Sault Theatre Workshop's future seasons. 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.

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.



## Mail Request Reminder

**Gets to you faster!** Sometimes several days faster! **Comes with full colour!** All the photos and logos are in their original form with colours. **Can be easily enlarged for reading or viewing!** Those of us with reading glasses can take advantage of this computer feature. **Easy to forward and share with friends.**

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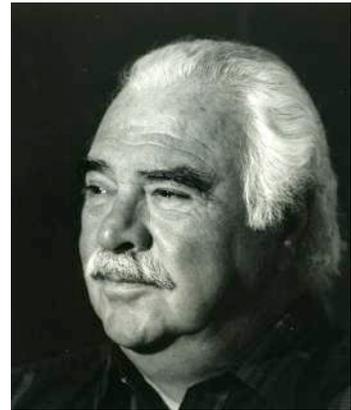
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## MEMBER NEWS

Our good friend and longtime member **Donald Nixon** celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 28. He's been having a bit of a rough time lately and we want your help to bombard him with birthday cards at **Chartwell Collegiate Heights Retirement Residence, 95 Fauquier Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6B 02A.** Don is pictured above in his role of Uncle Smellicue in STW's

production of **Dark Of The Moon.** Some of his other memorable roles include Matthew Harrison Brady in **Inherit The Wind**, Grandpa in **Artichoke**, and the American Ambassador in **Don't Drink The Water.**



## Happy Birthday Don!

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### Reminders

#### Bus Stop

Directed by

**Richard Howard**

**October 28, 29, 30, 31 8PM**

**November 1 at 2PM**

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Norm Foster's

### The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby

Directed by

**Harry Houston**

**December 2, 3, 4, 5, at 8PM**

**December 6 at 2PM**

**December 9, 10, 11, 12 at 8PM**

**December 13 at 2PM**

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