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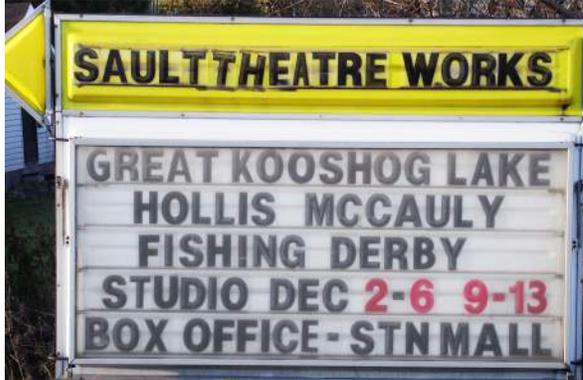
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The Marquee

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The title that Challenges us to fit it on the marquee!



Director

Big Fan Of Norm

Foster Plays

The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby is the 10th Norm Foster play Harry has been directly involved with, acting in six and directing four.

Norm Foster has a knack for creating "real" characters; characters an actor can understand and identify with. His dialogue is not just witty, but realistic as well. A visit to Norm's website and you'll find in 2015 alone there have been more than 170 production booked across Canada, the US, Europe and Australia. There's a good reason for that. These plays resonate with audiences. As one interviewer put it, he is writing deceptively light comedies about everyday, contemporary people involved in quiet, often very humorous conflicts of the head and heart.

The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby is a delightful romantic comedy where the uptight city guy comes up against the residents of Kooshog Lake. Themes of age and youth, dreams and regret are combined with city versus country living.

The man from the city whose car breaks down is James Bell portrayed by the unflappable veteran, **Tim Bass**. Tim's never quite sure where

he stands with these country folk. **Terra McCrea** is Sienna Gray, the world-weary owner of the town grocery store.

We're delighted to have **Lisa Consaul**, a new to the Sault but veteran actor from out west in the role of the over-sexed Rhonda Borkowski. She's bound to be an audience favourite. And who's more rustic than **Matt Connors**, spouting country wisdom and comedy gems as Kirk, the bait and tackle man. You'll think our **Courtney McDonald** playing Melanie Morningside is an angel complete with a harp soundtrack when she bursts on stage, all smiles.

This five-member cast has grown into a comfortable family and they're keen to share their warm and funny adventure with you. Our extended family includes Set designer-builder **Val Horsepool** creating the rustic grocery store porch



Tim & Courtney

and the death dock, assisted by **Chris Covey**. Who better to light Val's creation with mood and atmosphere than our lighting expert, **Chris Horsepool**. Chris is operating the board as well. With a mix of folksy songs, our Sound guy, **Aidan Bass** will bridge the scenes in the play (5 scenes in the first act and 4 in the second). Costumes are in the capable hands of **Val Wilson**, who had great fun collecting fishing gear. Our crew on book and Stage Managing are **Jasmine Nadon** assisted by Erin Favaro.

Thanks go out to Producer **Kim Cyr** and the publicity team, house crew and Box Office team that geared things up for the two-week run. Director **Harry Houston** hopes you'll all come out and enjoy the fun.

For tickets, call or visit the box office in

the Station Mall. **The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby** opens Wednesday December 2 and performances run December 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, and 12 at 8PM with matinees on Sundays December 6 and 13. A Tuesday December 1st preview performance is in support of the Alzheimer Society of Sault Ste Marie and Algoma District.

2016, QUONTA REGION HOSTS TWO FESTIVALS



Theatre Ontario Festival In North Bay While QUONTA Festival In Sudbury



Make a plan for March 15 to 20, 2016, (Spring Break), to attend the QUONTA Festival hosted by QUONTA's newest group member, Theatre Cambrian in Sudbury. The five play festival will have entries from Elliot Lake, Gore Bay, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, and Timmins vying for a chance to represent

QUONTA in the Theatre Ontario Festival, this year in North Bay, hosted by Gateway Theatre Guild.

QUONTA entries include a North Bay entry, a new play by Kristin Shepherd called **Curved**. Elliot Lake is planning **Norm Foster's The Foursome**. Our STW 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. Festival Chair is **Helen Landry**. We are also waiting details on the Theatre Ontario Festival in North Bay.

Sault Theatre Workshop Voted Sault Ste Marie's Best Live Entertainment Theatre



In October, The Sault Star ran an online contest called "Best of Sault Ste. Marie" where their online readers voted for the "Best" in



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Congratulations to Sault Theatre Workshop for being voted "Best Live Entertainment Theatre" in Sault Ste. Marie!

The Sault Star online contest: "Best of Sault Ste. Marie"

Sault Ste. Marie. We have since received the following notice: Congratulations to Sault Theatre Workshop for being voted "**Best Live Entertainment Theatre**" in **Sault Ste. Marie!**

**Season 67 Preview
Nights
Alzheimers
Society Hosts
Preview**

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.

The Great



Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby preview (Dec. 1st) will benefit the **Alzheimer Society of Sault Ste Marie & Algoma District**. Alzheimers Society makes use of their Marquee on Trunk Road as seen above. The next play has a shorter title and is more conducive to marquee display.

The potential to raise over \$2000 is 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.

Calling All Directors

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 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.

The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby
By Norm Foster

Directed by **Harry Houston**

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

Two Week Run!
December 2 - 6 and 9 - 13
8 PM Curtain
(2 PM only Sundays)

Adults \$28
Seniors \$26
Students \$18
Includes Box office charges

Our Box Office is now at **Station Mall**

Sault Theatre Workshop's **Studio Theatre**
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is staged by arrangement with Pam Winter, Gary Goddard Agency, www.garygoddardagency.com

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We also invite entries for our One Act Festival Workshop. This event 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. 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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MEMBER NEWS



Donald Nixon Last issue we celebrated Don's 90th birthday and in this issue we regret to announce his passing. Don is pictured above in his remarkable role of Matthew Harrison Brady in STW's production of **Inherit The Wind**. Don loved the theatre and created many memorable character roles. Our heartfelt condolences to his family.



Hilary Connell posted on Facebook her latest venture:

"Never in a million years did I think I'd be on an English soap, but here I am - tottering around the cobblestones of Emmerdale Village in stilettos, with a painfully squeaky snakeskin handbag. Most of the performance boils down to trying not to break an ankle whilst making desperate attempts to keep the bag quiet for the boom operators. Years



of classical training sure doesn't prepare you for this stuff"



Members **Sandra Houston, Joan Foster Carol Gartshore and Gail Nelson** who founded and promote the **Over The Rainbow Children's Entertainment Series** have announced that OTR has

moved from Arts Council sponsorship to an association with Kiwanis Community Theatre Centre. It is an arrangement that will allow access to larger and technically equipped venues at an economical rate. This will mean the group will be able to book a variety of more sophisticated performances and expand their membership. Visit the Over The Rainbow web site <http://www.otr-arts.com> to see their exciting season.

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Reminders

Norm Foster's

The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby

Directed by

Harry Houston

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December 6 at 2PM

December 9, 10, 11, 12 at 8PM

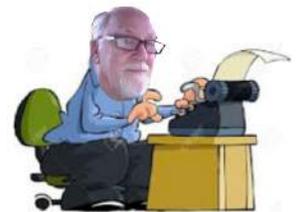
December 13 at 2PM

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