

Classic Theatre Festival Celebrates 5th Anniversary

The Classic Theatre Festival, the Ottawa Valley's professional summer theatre in heritage Perth, celebrates five years of hits from the golden age of Broadway and the London stage in a new venue at 54 Beckwith Street East. The location is wheelchair accessible, air conditioned and includes free parking.

The fifth season, sponsored by Best Western Plus Perth Parkside Inn & Spa, opens with Neil Simon's Broadway debut, the swinging 60s comedy *Come Blow Your Horn*. The show runs from July 11th to August 3rd.

While a ladies' man tired of juggling girlfriends and his younger brother ponder their future in the family's waxed fruit business, they navigate a world of trademark Simon characters, from outrageous parents with unforgettable one-liners and a bubble-headed airline stewardess to a struggling actor who sings "Why Not Take All of Me" while dressed as a sausage.

It's followed by the classic mystery thriller *Dial M for Murder*, the tale of a fading tennis star whose petty jealousies lead him to plot a dastardly crime. It's the kind of edge-of-your-seat drama that is just as suspenseful in the



cell phone age as it was in the rotary years. Knott's classic characters include a creepy would-be murderer, a wrongly imprisoned woman, a spurned lover, and a patient but determined Scotland Yard investigator. This show runs from August 8th to 31st.

The Festival hosts pre-shows talks for every matinee, beginning at 1:30pm. Shows run Wednesday to Saturday at 8:00pm. Matinees

are at 2:00pm every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Festival-goers can also enjoy a lobby exhibit featuring original paintings, programs, costume designs, and production photos celebrating Canadian theatre history and a theatrical historic walking tour, *Perth Through The Ages* - running Wednesdays to Sundays at 11:00am.

Walking the streets of Perth is almost akin to touring a motion picture studio backlot: beautiful heritage facades literally whisper of a history peopled with remarkable characters and compelling stories. This summer, they come to life with a guided walking tour that introduces fascinating, entertaining stories acted out by a talented troupe of up-and-coming performers. The tour is generously supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Celebrate Ontario, and the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund.

For More Information:

For Classic Theatre Festival tickets:

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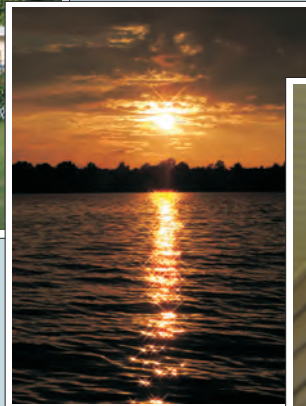
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