

Ship's Company Theatre to Launch 38th Season

By Clarissa McCully

Ship's has been an artistic hub of activity since 1984 and in this 38th season of our summer festival, we are proud to be a place on this beautiful Fundy Shore where community and culture connect! This summer season of 2022 we are proud to offer a safe indoor venue to watch summer theatre! We were lucky enough to welcome people into our building last summer with our jam-packed, physically-distanced season and we cannot wait to get you back in our seats this upcoming summer! Ship's Company Theatre's mission is to be a cultural leader and prime centre for the production and development of Canadian and Atlantic theatre. This season is no different as we share world premieres, emerging works, critically acclaimed touring shows, innovative pieces, and a concert series on top of all that

Ship's Company Theatre has a long history of premiering new Atlantic Canadian works with stellar East Coast talent and this summer is no different. From July 27 - August 7, Ship's Company Theatre will present the world premiere of *Dayboil* by Sharon King-Campbell. Artistic Director, Richie Wilcox, says: "I love the script's smalltown vibe and how it doesn't hold back on facing truths. I so clearly recognize these women in the show and connect to their stories." *Dayboil* examines the fragile and fraught relationship between two sisters, Kathy and Patricia, as they gather with Christine and Eunice for their weekly gossip over tea. But a shocking turn of events makes way for a day filled with stronger drinks as the gossip shifts inward and secrets of the sisters are revealed. Directed by Samantah Wilson, Ship's Company brings this rural drama to the stage with the premiere production of this award-winning script by Newfoundland playwright Sharon King-Campbell starring some top-notch talent: Stephanie MacDonald, Karen Bassett, Sharleen Kalayil, Riley McGill, Taylor Olson and Sherry Smith.

Ship's Company Theatre will also be presenting HEIST's

The Princess Show on July 14 & 15. This Masterworks Award nominee has toured the country and is sure to spark joy for summer audiences. The Princess Show offers up a campy and visually stunning fantasy world for the audience where they can cheer Princess on in her quest to save her beloved Abel from The Beast.

In August, Ship's will play host to the Nestuita'si Storytelling production, *Koqm*. *Koqm* is a journey through time and land to experience the voices of fictional L'nu (Mi'kmaq) women. Throughout the course of this one-person show, shalan joudry plays multiple women who might have spoken and walked through one area of forest over centuries. Guided by the strength of an ancient tree (*koqm*), the women's voices share with us their personal stories of grief, humour and resiliency through a unique theatrical performance.

Thanks to Masstown Market, this summer Ship's Company Theatre will be bringing back the Shipwright Sessions and, just like last year, it will be free and on Facebook! From published dramatic poetry to still-in-development musicals, the Shipwright Sessions give you the opportunity to hear excerpts of these works from the playwright themselves combined with an up-close look at the writer through mini-interviews led by Ship's artistic director Richie Wilcox. This season, the Shipwright Sessions will feature Santiago Guzman, Sharon King-Campbell and Jiv Parasram. In addition to this, Ship's will also bring back the Masstown Market Shipwright Residency where an Atlantic Canadian BIPOC artist is given time and space in Parrsboro to create/write/be inspired at the same time as getting to know the region. The residency also comes with dramaturgy, mentorship, and a workshop! Thank you to Masstown Market for joining with Ship's and sponsoring this important work.

Ship's Company Theatre will once again be presenting their music series which features top-notch Atlantic Canadian Talent. The music series

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opens the summer season with a special concert paying tribute the great harmony bands such as Fleetwood Mac, Mama's & The Papa's and Simon & Garfunkel. On July 9 and 10, Ship's will showcase the award-winning family band trio The Gilberts in Harmonious. The next instalment of the music series features Ship's favorite *Fiddles & Feet* taking over our venue for a weekend with their vibrant energy from July 22-24. The music series is rounded out by a special presentation of the Kitbag Theatre production *The Songs of Johnny & June*. This tribute to Johnny Cash and June Carter featuring a five-piece band with leads Jacob Hemphill and Melissa MacKenzie is not to be missed! This tribute plays for two shows only from September 3-4.

Our season also features plenty for families and youth including weeklong drama camps and a week of pay-what-you-can performances of all-ages puppet plays as Ship's brings North Barn Theatre's *The Gorgon's Tale* to parks in our community and neighbouring towns as part of our

Picnic Play Series. In September, Ship's presents *Legacy Circus: The World at Our Feet*. In this contemporary circus story, Erin Ball and Vanessa Furlong of Legacy Circus discover how full life is when you have so many different feet to choose from! *The World at our Feet* is a contemporary circus story featuring aerial wheelchairs, circus prosthesis, stilts, trapeze, silks and more! Legacy Circus will leave you questioning everything you thought you knew about storytelling and circus.

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Ship's Company Theatre presents **Fiddles and Feet** July 23rd-25th At The Hall

Ship's Company Theatre presents **Dayboil** written by Sharon King-Campbell July 27th- August 9th Sponsored by OREGAN'S

Ship's Company Theatre presents **KOQM** August 11th - 14th Book your tickets in advance! shipscompanytheatre.com or 1-800-565-SHOW

Ship's Company Theatre presents **LEGACY CIRCUS THE WORLD AT OUR FEET** School Previews Sept 22nd & 23rd September 23rd-25th

Ship's Company Theatre A Kitbag Theatre Production presents **The Songs of Johnny & June** A Tribute to Jonny Cash & June Carter-Cash Sept 3rd & 4th

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