

Ship's Company Starts July 5

Submitted by Clarissa McCully

Ship's has been an artistic hub of activity since 1984 and in this 39th 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 2023 we are proud to offer an indoor venue with full capacity seating! 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, intimate presentations, innovative pieces, and a concert series on top of all that. Kicking things off from July 5th to 16th, Ship's is presenting Crypthand in association with Gale Force Theatre. This beautiful queer story imagines the early life of Anne Lister, a 19th-century diarist, business-woman and queer icon. Originally produced by Gale Force Theatre, this theatrical comedy tells the story of Anne's first relationship with her school roommate Eliza Raine and the lengths they go to keep their love secret. In their attic bedroom, they invent a unique code that allows them to express their affections without being found out, but what happens when the code is discovered.

In August, Ship's will debut the world premiere of *Downed Hearts*: Inspired by the Swiss Air 111 disaster that struck off the coast of Peggy's Cove in 1998, *Downed Hearts* tells the story of a small island community attempting to cope with the tragedy. The play follows Aaron, a young fisherman trying to make sense of what's happened and what he's seen as he searches for survivors in the wreckage. One day while out on the water, he finds Belle. *Downed Hearts* will be running August



16th to 27th.

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 Laura Vingoe-Cram. 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 opens the summer season with Ship's favorite Fiddles & Feet taking over our venue for a weekend with their vibrant energy from July 21st to 23rd. On August 4th, we have a special one-night-only dance party, *Dancing Queen: A Tribute to ABBA*. The music series is

rounded out by a special concert with dynamic duo from Cape Breton, Morgan Toney and Keith Mullins. Mi'kmaq fiddler and singer Morgan Toney and multi-instrumentalist, Keith Mullins will be on the Ship's stage September 22nd and 23rd.

As a special experience August 31st to September 3rd, Ship's is presenting a 2b theatre production, *Long-Distance Relationships for Mythical Time*. Experience theatre around the table and enjoy the taste of home. Produced by 2b theatre as part of their Great Little Works Series, *Long Distance Relationships for Mythical Times* is a tender and intimate piece about long-distance relationships woven together with a timeless Chinese folktale about love and separation. This one-woman show by artist Gloria Mok features jasmine tea, dumplings, and enchanting puppetry.

Our season also features plenty for families and youth, including our weeklong drama camps and our Picnic Plays! This year we present *A Monster's Journey by It's Gonna be Great Theatre*. The show will travel to parks in our communities across Cumberland and Colchester counties. This year, *A Monster's Journey* will play in Advocate Harbour, Parrsboro, Springhill, Five Islands and Great Village. Admission is Pay-What-You-Can!

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Cumberland Council Briefs

Christie Foundation bid accepted

Municipal council has approved a request to receive \$15,000 in funding from the Christie Community Foundation to and provide it to the Pugwash Farmers' Market to develop a market community hub, which would serve as a gathering and resource space for the community.

The co-operative was established in 2006 and has steadily grown to become the largest and most attended market in Cumberland County. Each week, more than 35 local producers use the venue to sell local produce, preserves, eggs, baked goods and hand-made goods to more than 800 residents and tourists.

CJSMA to be dissolved

Cumberland municipal council has passed a motion to formally dissolve the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority. The towns of Amherst and Oxford were also considering a similar resolution at special meetings on Wednesday.

Until 2021, all the municipal units in Cumberland County

owned and operated the Little Forks landfill as partners in the CJSMA. In 2021, the CJSMA's assets were sold to GFL.

With the sale of the assets, and the subsequent realization of remaining assets to cash and the payment of outstanding liabilities, all that remains is cash. It is now appropriate to distribute the cash to the partner units in accordance with Section 17 of the Inter Municipal Agreement of 1997 and dissolve the authority.

New policy on sale of municipal property

The Municipality of Cumberland has developed a new policy on the sale of both non-

usable and usable municipally owned property. In 2021-22, council folded several committees, including the Divestiture of Surplus Property Committee, into the committee of the whole. The new policy, which was approved at the March 29, 2023, meeting, had not been amended to reflect that change.

As well, interest in land for housing and development is higher than in recent memory.


The previous process of declaring land surplus without giving thought to the best use for the community and municipality and having a purchaser then go through a potential rezoning or other planning process is unwieldy.

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