

Parrsboro Hosts 5th Annual Film Festival

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

The Parrsboro Film Festival launched its fifth annual celebration of Atlantic Canadian cinema on Friday, October 23rd at "The Hall" with an original lineup of films, filmmakers, music & more.

Several films are award winning and even their first showing. Many of the directors, writers and producers were present to provide an opportunity to ask or answer questions about what they saw, and the creation experience. Gold pass-

es were completely sold out, an excellent turnout of a crowd that continues to draw a larger audience each year.

Here's the line up of films making the event an even bigger success than previous years:

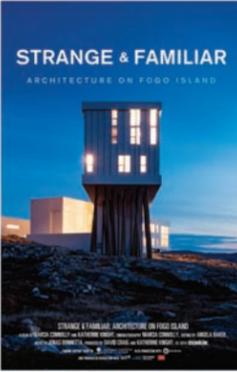
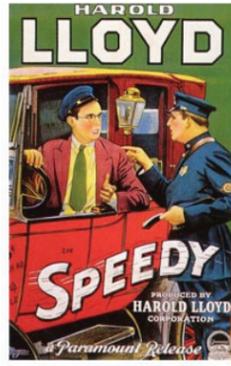
Friday Oct. 23rd:

Silent Film 'Speedy' with music accompaniment by the Parrsboro Jazz Combo. The original silent films all had scores written for them, this was an attempt to re-create the atmosphere with music from the time the movie was actually made.

Second on the list was Kinnigait: Riding into the World; followed by Strange & Familiar: Architecture on Fogo Island. The evening ended with "We Were Wolves".

Saturday Oct. 24th:

Film - "Seeking Netukulimk"; Life's Work: Six Conversations with Makers (artists); Film - Wild & Dangerous: the World of Exotic Pets; Film - "My Week on Welfare"; Film - "Bunker 6" (what if the Cuban missile crisis did Not end peacefully - movie shot in the Diefenbunker); Film - "Danny" and Film - "Cast No Shadow".



Whitney Rose LOVES PLAYING PARRSBORO

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

Whitney Rose played to a sold out show in Parrsboro at the Hall on October 22nd. She pleased the crowd with songs from her second album 'Heartbreaker of the Year'. Currently on tour with country stars Dean Brody & Paul Brandt they played the Harbour Station in Saint John on October 23rd and the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax

on Saturday October 24th.

I asked what brings her to our 'Hall' again, she responded; "Parrsboro is one of my favorite towns to play and it's not only because Parrsboro has been consistently supportive of my music, it's such a quaint, beautiful little town".

Wonderful music by a delightful entertainer, an evening thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



Featuring songs from her second album, 'Heartbreaker of the Year' was a crowd pleaser at the Hall in Parrsboro on October 22nd. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



It was a sold out crowd at the Hall when Whitney Rose stopped in Parrsboro as part of her current Maritime Tour. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Whitney Rose who is currently on tour with country stars Dean Brody & Paul Brandt played to a sold out crowd on October 22nd, before heading to Saint John on the 23rd and then Scotiabank Centre in Halifax on October 24th. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Wentworth's End of Summer Splash!

By Hope Bridgewater

Hosted by the Wentworth Recreation Centre and Wentworth Fire Department, a free community Water Park event happened both for fun and education on August 29. Everything was free: free hot dogs, free drinks, free games, free tours of the Fire Hall, and a free Water Park. As one drove into the paved yard of the Wentworth Recreation Centre, a large sign proclaimed, "Summer Splash! August 29, 2 pm. Free BBQ & Water Fun."

The Water Park had a giant slip and slide with a fire truck's water cannon dousing participants with water. Sparky, dog mascot for the Wentworth Fire Department, was in attendance. If anyone wished to escape the water soaking, he or she could eat at the barbeque, play games, and be educated touring the Fire Hall and the Fire Trucks parked outside.

Organizing and planning the event were volunteers from the Wentworth Fire Department and the Wentworth Recreation Centre: Jordan Sprague, Stacie MacLeod and Cecil MacLeod. Since the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board has in a biased and unfair decision decided to close the Wentworth Elementary School, residents are concerned the children of Wentworth and Westchester remain connected to Wentworth and surrounding area despite long bus rides out of the community to distant schools (usually about two hours daily), and they have created a program to connect the children to the community such as the Summer Splash event.

Once again the Wentworth Fire Department played a big role in connecting with local children. Fire Chief Kevin Sprague spoke about the previous relationship when the Wentworth Elementary School was operating; "The Fire Department was always active at the school whether it was doing fire prevention presentations, serving Christmas dinner to the children and staff, assist-

ing Santa Claus at the annual Christmas concert, or attending volunteer teas." At the Summer Splash event, the fire trucks were out on display to look at, to get in, and to explore. Three of the fire trucks hold water and one fire truck is full of equipment.

Wee Wana Sprague worked at the free outdoor barbeque providing tasty hotdogs, soft drinks and popsicles.

The volunteers who did the impressive set-up for Splash involving hours of work were Jordan Sprague, Stacie MacLeod, and Cecil MacLeod. The games which they organized were a giant slip n' slide, a pool to swim in, a variety of colouring and craft activities inside the fire hall, and the chance to play bad-

minton, basketball, bean bags, and skipping ropes in the Wentworth Recreation Centre. Jordan Sprague says, "Everything went great. The kids (and even the adults) really enjoyed going down the slip n' slide... and we're really happy with the turnout [attendance]. It's great to be able to hold an entirely free event for the community. We're looking forward to holding the event again next year."

Stacie MacLeod, vice-president of the Wentworth Recreation Centre's executive and mother of three children, made these comments about the Wentworth Splash celebration: "Our first annual Summer Splash was a day of fun to remember. Children of all ages

slid down the giant slip n' slide. We even had some fun-loving adults join in (we won't name them!). Says Bella (age 5), "The day was so much fun!" When asked what she learned from the day, she says, "I learned that Kevin is the chief fireman. And Daddy told me that Alice's Daddy is Deputy Chief Conner." The day was about getting our community out to have fun in the sun. With our recent Wentworth school closure, it is important that our children are familiar with our local fire department. Summer Splash was just that: kids having fun and getting familiar with the men and women who serve our community. The Recreation Centre and the Fire Department both opened their doors for the community. The day was fun for all ages and was free!"



Sparky, mascot for the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department, takes part in all the fun at Wentworth's End of Summer Splash held at the Wentworth Fire Hall and the Wentworth Recreation Centre. (Stacie MacLeod Photo)

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