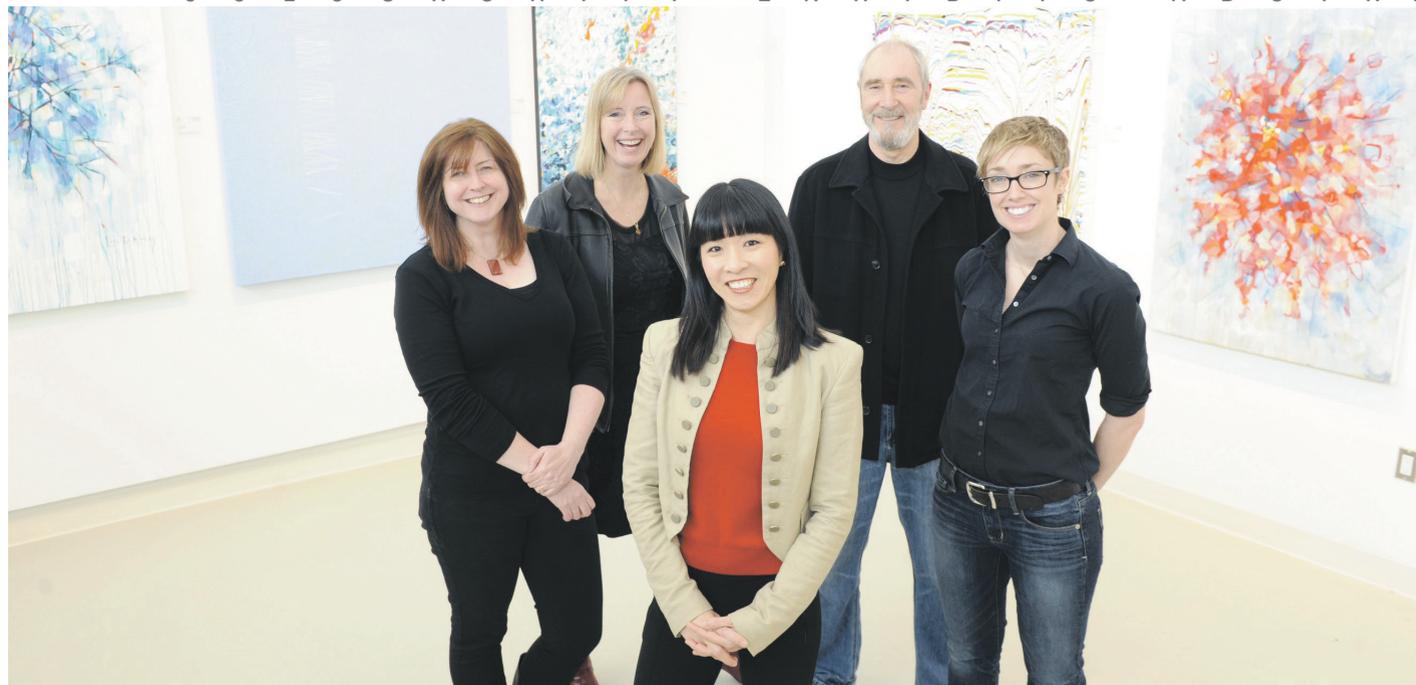


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Imagining A New Reality is group exhibition by ColourShift Abstract Art Collective. The exhibit runs until April 13 at the Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre gallery, 2302 Bridge Rd. At left, the five artists featured in the show: from left, Karen Taylor, Kate Taylor, Sann Sann Lam, Mike Smalley and Lisa Hickey. Above, Taylor, who grew up in Oakville, with her acrylic-on-canvas works entitled *Hydrangea*. | **photo by Graham Paine - Oakville Beaver** (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog or www.facebook.com/HaltonPhotog)

Real Estate closes out Burl-Oak Theatre's season

by **Julia Le**
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Taking on the lead character in Burl-Oak Theatre Group's production of *Real Estate* is a big departure from Adam Langton's previous roles, which have predominantly been in classical theatre.

"I'm finally using language my family and friends can understand," jokes the 30-year-old Oakville resident, who, over the last few years, has starred in community theatre productions of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* and *Much Ado About Nothing*, William Wycherley's *The Country Wife* and John Webster's *The Duchess of Malfi* in Hamilton, Windsor and London, Ont.

Langton plays writer Joel Harper in the comedy set to take the stage April 9-13 at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts.

The play centres around his misfortunes as he deals with not only writer's block, but also a marriage on the rocks, a tax collector and a mortgage foreclosure.

Forced to sell the family home quickly, Joel enlists the help of a local Realtor who decides that both the house and its owner are "fixer-uppers" in need of tender, loving care.

As everything comes to a head, Langton, who grew up in Waterdown, said hilarity and insanity ensues for the next two hours.



Burl-Oak Theatre Group's production of *Real Estate* takes the stage April 9-13 at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts. From left, Damien Williams as Ted, Jennifer Thompson as Estelle, Adam Langton as Joel and Kristen Horner da Silva as Emma.

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He said the interaction between Joel, real estate agent Emma and Joel's ex-wife Estelle and her boyfriend Ted is really what makes the comedy.

Langton added his character is one he can easily relate to.

Noting how he was stuck in a rut a few years ago after leaving his PhD studies in English Literature at Western University, Langton said he drew on that experience to portray Joel.

"I remember those days when it was a little bit harder to get out of bed and a little bit harder to get on your feet," he said.

But while Joel is certainly depressed and "drags his feet a bit," he describes the character as a storyteller with a playful wit.

Langton hopes residents will drop by to experience the show, his first in the Oakville community.

Noting how it's "way more fun than going to the movies," he described how the relationship between actors and the audience and the engagement and intimacy that goes along with it is something you can't get through any screen media.

The play also features Kristen

Horner da Silva as Emma, Jennifer Thompson as Estelle and Damien Williams as Ted.

Real Estate, written by Allana Harkin and directed by John Addison, wraps up Burl-Oak Theatre Group's 2013-14 season.

Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts is located at 130 Navy St. The show runs April 9-12 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m.

Tickets cost \$25.

For more information, visit www.BOTG.ca, www.oakvillecentre.ca or call 905-815-2021

LeRock brings French concert to Oakville

French-Canadian musician Gregg LeRock will be making a stop in Oakville Friday (April 4) to perform for thousands of local students.

The Juno-nominated singer will bring his high-energy, motivational concert for elementary core/basic French and French Immersion students to The Meeting House, 2700 Bristol Circle.

Show times are 10:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It features a mixture of pop, reggae, hip-hop, folk, blues and Cajun styles.



Gregg LeRock

LeRock is renowned for the curriculum-based songs he has written for Canada's top educational publishers. His songs are featured in numerous French textbooks from coast to coast.

For more information, visit www.gregglerock.ca.