

Colborne Chronicle

Process Theatre set for debut in downtown Colborne

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COLBORNE — As if live theatre in Colborne does not sound exciting enough, the quality of the team behind it is certainly something to celebrate as they announce their first production — *For Lease Navidad!*, Nov. 27 through Dec. 13.

Michael Gellman has an extensive resume dating back to 1973, including work with Second City as an actor and director.

Deborah Smith earned a master's degree in classical theatre from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts in England (along with Benedict Cumberbatch). She was the founder and first artistic director of the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival in Prescott, Ont., which is now entering its 12th year. She joined Gellman in Chicago to live and work in theatre.

Now, in a sort of bid at semi-retirement, they stand ready to open the Process Theatre in downtown Colborne at 15 King St. East.

The show is an original comedy revue, written by the cast (Hallie Burt, Andrew Di Rosa, Adam McBride, Madison Kozdas and Smith) and directed by Gellman. All original music is written by music director Mitchell Cox of Castleton.

Smith sums up the revue-styled show as, "music, scenes, poetry, songs, comedy, satire and original stories based on local happenings.



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With music director Mitchell Cox on piano, Process Theatre cast members (from left) Hallie Burt, Madison Kozdas, Andrew Di Rosa, Deborah Ann Smith and Adam McBride prepare to bring you *For Lease Navidad!* in Colborne Nov. 27 through Dec. 3.

"The show is fast, funny, thoughtful, satirical and smart," she said.

"If you have never seen a comedy revue, you are in for a treat. The actors play many, many dif-

ferent roles, sing, play music and make you laugh, all with original material."

Process Theatre is a brand new not-for-profit professional theatre

based out of Colborne, with Gellman as artistic director.

"In 2016, we will be presenting three summer shows from May to October, along with our summer

comedy revue and our Colborne Christmas comedy revue," Smith said.

"We are currently finalizing our 2016 summer season and the dates of the shows."

Along with developing their own shows, Smith said, the season will explore new work from Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States.

"We also intend to host international workshops and festivals in storytelling, improvisation and playwriting."

On Nov. 26, there will be a pay-what-you-can preview. Any amount is accepted at the door, as long as it is presented along with a non-perishable item for the local food bank.

Opening night is Nov. 27, with the show followed by a reception that will give you the chance to meet the cast and say hello.

Otherwise there are 7:30 p.m. shows Nov. 28, Dec. 3, Dec. 4, Dec. 5, Dec. 6, Dec. 10, Dec. 11 and Dec. 12, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee Dec. 6 and a 2 p.m. one Dec. 13.

The Nov. 28 show time may require adjustment, Smith noted, as they will begin after the Santa Claus Parade goes by.

Tickets are \$25 and, with a theatre capacity of only 38, Smith suggests you get yours early.

Order on-line at www.processtheatre.ca.
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Sleep wins November early-bird prize in Community Care draw

Colborne resident Joan Sleep recently dropped by the Colborne Community Care office to pick up \$50, her prize as the November early-bird winner in the Community Care Northumberland Cash Prizes Elimination Draw.

And Community Care reminds you that draw tickets might make a good Christmas gift, offering the chance at the Jan. 5 early-bird prize of \$50 — before the final draw for \$10,000 on Jan. 9.

And as proceeds support the work of Community Care, it might be a thoughtful offering to those whose lives have been impacted in some way by friends or family members with life-limiting illnesses, adults living with disabilities or seniors.

Limited to 3,000 tickets selling at \$20 each, this fundraiser

helps provide such programming as friendly visiting, home help and maintenance, hospice palliative care, telephone security checks, transportation, wellness initiatives, Meals On Wheels and Community Diners.

The final early-bird draws for \$50 take place Dec. 1 and Jan. 5.

On the big final-draw day, ticket holders will actually be pulling for their tickets not to be drawn, because of the elimination-draw structure:

- Every 100th ticket drawn wins \$100.
- The eighth-last ticket to be drawn wins \$200.
- The seventh-last ticket to be drawn wins \$500.
- The sixth-last ticket to be drawn wins \$1,000.
- The fifth-last ticket to be drawn

wins \$1,500.

- The fourth-last ticket to be drawn wins \$2,000.
- The third-last ticket to be drawn wins \$2,500.
- The second-last ticket to be drawn wins \$3,000.
- The last ticket remaining wins \$10,000.

All draws are conducted at the Brighton Community Care office under a license issued by the Municipality of Brighton, #M713321.

To purchase your ticket, call 1-866-514-5774, visit www.commcare.ca/raffle, or drop into your local Community Care office — in Colborne (11 King St. E.), Brighton (46 Prince Edward St.), Cobourg (1005 Elgin St. W., Suite 203), Port Hope (151 Rose Glen Rd.), Hastings (6 Albert St.) or Campbellford (174 Oliver Rd.).

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From left Community Care Northumberland's Colborne program co-ordinator Leianne Peart recently presented Colborne resident Joan Sleep with her Cash Prizes Elimination Draw early-bird prize, along with Colborne program assistant Brenda Chapman.

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