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A Bad Year for Tomatoes engaging, fun: director

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It may be *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*, but it makes for a great audience show.

That's the word from Milton Players Theatre Group director Geoff Ford regarding the latest production, which runs at the Milton Centre for the Arts February 7 to 9 and February 13 to 15.

Ford promises *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* will be engaging and fun.

The John Patrick play is about a mega-star television actress, Myra Marlowe (played by Susan Cranford), who decides she's had enough of Hollywood and settles in the small New England town of Beaver Haven to write her life story.

Unfortunately, she has some nosy neighbours who won't leave her in peace, as well as a local witch and an odd-job man who all exasperate her.

Enter crazy 'Sis Sadie' to assist in driving them all away. More complications appear when Sis Sadie is suddenly no longer around. Suspicions of the murder of Sis Sadie arise. How will Myra extricate herself?

The play introduces some new faces to the audience, as well as a number of Milton Players' best-liked veterans, according to Ford.

"It has been a joy and a privilege to work with



The Milton Players Theatre Group will stage *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* at the Milton Centre for the Arts February 7 to 9 and February 13 to 15. Here, rehearsing for the production are (from left) Sandy Ingratta (Willa Mae Wilcox), Barry Kory (Sheriff), Susan Cranford (Myra Marlowe), Ben McFarlane (Tom Lamont), John Saunders (Mr. Piney), Lesley Quinn (Reba Harper) and Esther Chung (Cora Gump).
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this excellent cast and crew," he said. "We've had fun and we hope you do too."

The rest of the cast includes Ben McFarlane playing Tom Lamont, Esther Chung as Cora Gump, Lesley Quinn playing Reba Harper, John Saunders as Mr. Piney, Sandy Ingratta

playing Willa Mae Wilcox, and Barry Kory as Sheriff.

Mélodie Rose is the producer of *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*.

Evening shows start at 8, while the Sunday, Feb. 9 matinee begins at 2 p.m.

Tickets cost \$27 and are available at the Milton Centre for the Arts box office or online at www.miltoncentreforthearts.ca.

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