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Theatre Festival
2016 SEASON

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Digging into the Chemainus Theatre Festival 2016 Season is both a gift and a thrill. Whether it's the ache for nostalgia, the need for a good belly laugh, the swing of a well-played tune or the crackle of a well-turned phrase – something in us longs for a great story well told. 2016 starts with a new production of the *Million Dollar Quartet*, as the bad boys of SUN records tear their way up the charts. With *Harvey* and *Hilda*, laughter connects character to family, imagination and love. We will rollick through the summer musical with *Footloose* as generations clash and dance. Four strong women bond together in *A Lovely Sunday*, our first Tennessee Williams work in over a decade. And the holidays bring it all together in Ralphie's quest for a Red Ryder, a leg lamp prize and a dream Christmas with *A Christmas Story*.

The Chemainus Theatre Festival thrives as people from all over Vancouver Island congregate to enjoy the intimate energy of high caliber professional actors and creative teams from across Canada. We delve in together, taking in the textures of well-made costumes, intrigued by the clever use of sculptural scenery and vivid lights and sound – all this goodness in a sea-side town full of artistry and eclectic adventure.

We invite you to dig in! Grab a pack of tickets and come see everything or treat a few friends to the Chemainus Theatre Festival experience – the Gallery Gift Shop, the Playbill Dining Room and a soulful show. Discover again, or for the first time, theatre that explores and nourishes the human spirit.

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*“Million Dollar Quartet
wins hearts young and old.”*

Vegas.com

They came together to make music – Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash – and they made history. Welcome inside the recording studio where four young and talented musicians have met for the first (and only) time. Their red-hot jam session created a score of rock ‘n’ roll hits, including “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Fever,” “Great Balls of Fire,” “Walk the Line,” “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin’ On,” “Hound Dog” and more!

See the show and listen to the legendary music created during one of the greatest jam sessions of all time.

*“A dazzling raucous
spectacle that sounds like
a million bucks...”*

New York Magazine

JUKEBOX MUSICAL
Inspired by actual events
FEB 12 - MAR 26

Contains mild language



ELVIS | JERRY LEE | CARL | JOHNNY
PRESLEY | LEWIS | PERKINS | CASH

MILLION

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QUARTET

Book by

Colin ESCOTT

and

Floyd MUTRUX

The ultimate tribute to the iconic Johnny Cash. *Ring of Fire* is a rockabilly story of finding love, success, faith, and redemption. From the cotton fields of Arkansas to the Grand Ole Opry, the show reveals the moments that made the “Man in Black” into a timeless musical storyteller. Featuring more than two dozen classic hits that broke music boundaries and entertained audiences for five decades.

*“A foot-stompin’,
crowd-pleasin’ salute to a
uniquely American legend!”*

MUSICAL REVUE
APR 6 – 23



RING OF FIRE

Project Johnny Cash

Created by **Richard Maltby, Jr.** Conceived by **William Meade**

Adapted from the Broadway Production
by Richard Maltby, Jr. and Jason Edwards

Orchestrations by Steven Bishop and Jeff Lisenby
Additional arrangements by David Abbinanti

Ring of Fire was originally produced on Broadway by William Meade,
CTM Productions, Bob Cuillo, GFour Productions, and James B. Freyberg

**BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND!**



“... Harvey...is an unassuming charmer.”

The Hollywood Reporter

Elwood P. Dowd is unlike anyone you've ever met. He insists on introducing his friend Harvey to everyone around town – trouble is, Harvey is an invisible six-foot-tall rabbit. Such eccentric behaviour embarrasses his social-climbing sister, who arranges a trip to the sanitarium where an injection will “cure” Elwood. But things get even stranger when the real patient is mistaken and the doctors begin to behave oddly. This comedy of errors will make you laugh, and wonder: does the world need another normal chap, or more Harveys?

“If a rabbit, six feet one and one half inches tall, sits down beside you... you may count yourself fortunate.”

Lewis Nichols, New York Times, 1944

COMEDY

MAY 6 – 28

HARVEY is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

HARVEY

By
Mary
Chase



“Exhilarating! You’ll have a hard time staying in your seat!”

WNBC

Reverend Moore is tormented by the dangerous consequences of rock-and-roll in his town. He has banned dancing, but his peace is short-lived. When music-and-dance-loving Ren arrives from the big city, he rallies his fellow teens (including the Reverend’s daughter) against the oppressive rule, revitalizing the spirit of the repressed townspeople, and helping them heal from a tragedy that affected everyone.

Re-live the high-energy and open-minded fun of this hit 1984 film. Featuring a score of flashy dance tunes and a rock combo band, this Tony nominated show is undeniably entertaining.

“...a high-spirited show that will make you feel like cutting loose...”

April Boyle, Portland Press Herald

BROADWAY MUSICAL
JUN 10 - AUG 27

Contains mild language





Footloose

THE MUSICAL

Stage adaptation by

Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie

Based on the original screenplay by Dean Pitchford

Music by Tom Snow lyrics by Dean Pitchford

Additional music by Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar,
Kenny Loggins and Jim Steinman

*“Sweet, honest, compassionate,
different and totally enjoyable.”*

New York Post

In the mid-1930s, the lives of four striking women are drawn together in a St. Louis apartment building. They share a need and struggle to find their identity and sense of belonging. But first, they must sort through delusions of love, realities of single womanhood, pressures of society, and the power of compassion.

Enjoy the rich symbolism, bittersweet story of redemption, and sharp witty dialogue of this singular Williams play.

*“...we are uplifted, after so
much heartbreak,
to end up here, on a lovely
Sunday afternoon...”*

Bob Bows, Variety

DRAMATIC COMEDY

SEP 9 – 24

Contains mild language

“Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur” is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur

By Tennessee
Williams



*“Norm Foster has a gift
for comedy...”*

Valerie Hill, Guelph Mercury

How unbreakable are the ties that bind a family together? It's 1956, and happy empty-nesters Sam and Hilda are finally enjoying life on their own. But their peaceful home turns chaotic when their unemployed son and newly-single daughter return for an unexpected stay. Can these traditional parents and far-out children bridge the generational divide?

Enjoy the hilarious situational comedy of this Norm Foster gem.

*“That fabulous ’50s plucked
string music at the start of
Hilda’s Yard is just perfect.
And so is pretty much
everything that follows it.”*

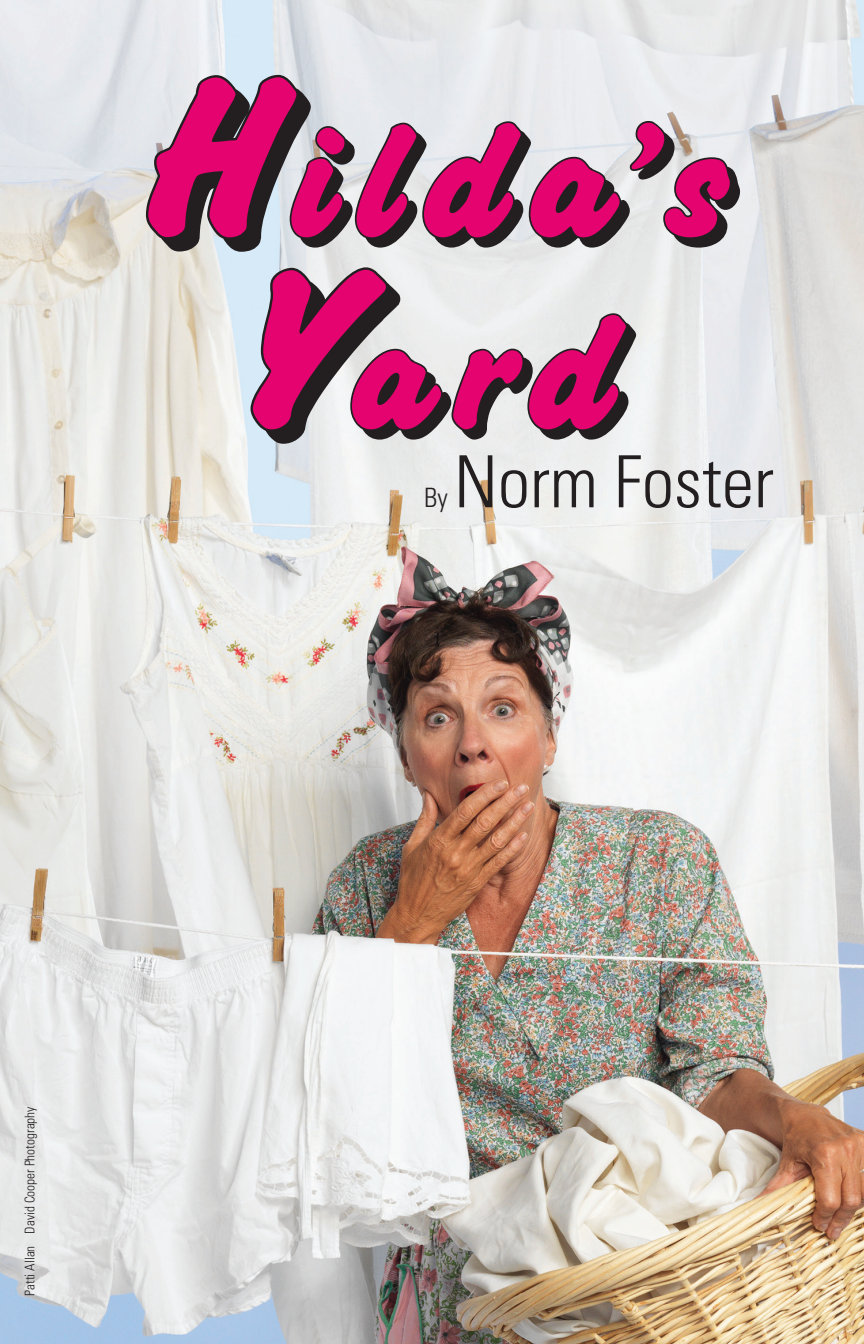
Cam Fuller, The Star Phoenix

COMEDY

OCT 7 – NOV 5

Hilda's Yard

By Norm Foster



*“A Christmas Story is a
Christmas must.”*

Orlando Sentinel

It's a familiar yuletide tale: the all-consuming wish for one special gift. For 9-year-old Ralphie, that coveted present is an Official Red Ryder carbine-action BB gun. Follow the bespectacled tyke's quest in this tale of decoder pins, furnace explosions, leg lamps, and more festive adventures. Share this charming, wistful remembrance of simpler times with loved-ones! Based on the popular holiday film.

*“Emotionally touching and
fun to watch – a perfect
start to the holiday season.”*

The Column Dallas

HOLIDAY CLASSIC
NOV 18 – DEC 31

Produced by special arrangement with DRAMATIC PUBLISHING, Woodstock, Illinois



A CHRISTMAS STORY

By Philip Grecian



Josh W. David Cooper Photography

Based on the motion picture *A Christmas Story*, 1983 Turner Entertainment Co. distributed by Warner Bros. Written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown and Bob Clark; and on the book *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash* by Jean Shepherd

“It quietly searches out meaning in a world that often appears random...”

The Kitchener-Waterloo Record

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ne starry night the body of a young man, still strapped into his airplane seat, falls from the sky into the yard of Harold and Elsie’s farm. As the night unfolds, their mysterious guest effects a profound transformation in his hosts. *Falling: A Wake* is a haunting and surprisingly funny play about love, loss, and the redemptive power of letting go.

“Falling: A Wake is a prayer for the departed, as well as a prayer to those who remain.”

The Kitchener-Waterloo Record

ON THE STUDIO STAGE

AUG 17 – 27

Contains strong language



FALLING: A WAKE

By Gary Kirkham

KIDZPLAY

JUL 16 – AUG 13

Josephine **dreams**. She remembers a time long ago when her mother told **fantastic** stories about life under the sea and shared her dreams. Those happy, hopeful days have been lost – so Josephine goes to find them. With her unwilling brother in tow to help, she sets out on a journey that **magically** transforms their lives. Their **impossible tale** takes them to a talking oyster, a riddling troll, and out to sea to catch the Big One. Help them make it back **home** in time to dream again!

Pet the FISH and other iMPOSSIBLE tales

By Mark
DuMez



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The Chemainus Theatre Festival Experience

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Enjoy theatre to the fullest, with our terrific complements: The Playbill Dining Room, where indulging in live music and an impressive show-themed buffet is a Festival tradition for most. The Gallery Gift Shop, where the work of BC artisans is featured, and shoppers find a treasure from the west coast to take home.

The total Getaway includes show tickets, lunch or dinner in the Playbill Dining Room, accommodations at the Best Western Plus Chemainus Inn, deluxe breakfast, use of the indoor mineral pool, hot tub and fitness centre.

Chemainus Theatre Festival – Vancouver Island's Theatre Destination.

Become a Season Ticket Holder today

SEASON TICKET HOLDER BENEFITS

- Save up to 27% when you purchase season tickets
- The best seats at the best price
- 15% off additional tickets for family and friends in the Theatre and Playbill Dining Room
- 10% off in the Gallery Gift Shop
- One FREE ticket exchange per show
- 50% off tickets to *Falling: A Wake*

Be an Early Bird Renewal for a chance to WIN your season ticket package!

OUR SIX SHOW PACKAGE OFFERS

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Simply donate \$100 with your season ticket package to become a Super Patron!

Plus, Super Patrons who book into selected Gala Opening Nights are invited to a post-show opening night function – an exclusive chance to meet the cast and crew for casual conversation.

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