

Classic Theatre Festival: Broadway, Heritage Hits

The award-winning Classic Theatre Festival enters its 8th season with classic hits from the golden age of Broadway and the London Stage, bringing Canada's top theatrical talent to Perth.

The Festival experience includes affordable reserved seating, pre-show talks, theatrical lobby displays, a massive loonie and toonie book sale and a range of summertime treats. The venue is air conditioned and wheelchair accessible with free parking.

Same Time, Next Year

The season opens with the most successful Canadian comedy ever staged on Broadway: Bernard Slade's *Same Time, Next Year*. This production runs June 23 to July 16. Audiences will savour the sensations of the post-war years (1951-1975), in this story of two people, each married to someone else, who meet for an annual weekend getaway.

Candida

Next is George Bernard Shaw's romantic comedy *Candida*,



running July 21 to August 13. This performance will remind you of the powerful pull of a first love. Long before the British exported Beatlemania, there was "Candidamania," a phenomenon inspired by this witty play in which *Candida* must choose between her clergyman husband and a passionate, young poet.

I'll Be Back Before Midnight

The mainstage season closes with an Alfred Hitchcock-styled

psychological thriller, Peter Colley's, *I'll Be Back Before Midnight*. The show runs from August 18 to September 10. This is a tale of a young couple who rent an old, spooky farmhouse. Is the heroine really seeing and hearing things, or are they due of her recent nervous breakdown? And who is that mysterious farmer from down the road? The most widely-produced Canadian play, it is a hit in 30 countries.

Mainstage shows run Tuesday to Sunday (2:00pm matinees), Wednesdays (8:00pm) and Saturdays (8:00pm.)

Theatrical Walking Plays

The popular theatrical walking plays return this year too! *Perth through the Ages* is an hour-long story focused on the daily lives, concerns, and conflicts of Perth and area residents at the time of Confederation. The show runs Wednesday to Sunday at 11:00am (June 21-August 27).

The Lonely Ghosts Walk features the unsettled spirits of Perth in an hour-long, family-friendly romp through the town's mysterious and haunted past with music, comedy, and song. The show runs Thursdays and Fridays at 7:00pm (June 29-August 25).

For More Information:

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