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THEATRE BY THE BAY ANNOUNCES 2022 SEASON

Three shows headline an incredible season of programming

BARRIE, ON. After its award-winning 2021 season, which included being recognized as the ‘Not-for-Profit Organisation of the Year’ at the Barrie Business Awards, Theatre by the Bay is marching into its 20th season with a compelling, diverse, and expansive new season.

The season includes its first-ever local story musical (inspired by the establishment of the Oro African Community) called *The Lost Heroes of Oro*, and a fictional sexy farce set in the world of Barrie’s municipal politics called *A Scandal For All Seasons*. The season will also see the return of the 2018 sold-out sensation, *Mary of Shanty Bay*, based on the story of Mary O’Brien.

In addition to these productions, Theatre by the Bay will also be launching the Simcoe County Theatre Festival: a week-and-a-half long festival of new works by local artists. The submission form to be part of the festival is now live and all are welcome to submit.

Theatre by the Bay is also expanding its virtual offerings this year. The company’s website is currently being overhauled to include a Membership portal where Members can access exclusive content. Additionally, TBTB is expanding its educational programming with the launch of the ‘Theatre Master Class’ series. Featuring some of the biggest names in Canadian theatre, artists from across the world will be able to purchase classes on areas of theatre creation such as producing, directing, design, and production management. Programs like the Indie Producer’s Co-op, the Emerging Director Project, the Barrie Theatre Lab, Spark Sessions, and the Professional Workshop Series are also set to continue in 2022.

Finally, to mark Theatre by the Bay’s 20th season anniversary, TBTB will be releasing a documentary mini-series that chronicles its history, evolution, and future.

“I am so proud of the huge range of offerings we have this year,” says Artistic Director, Iain Moggach. “This is really the culmination of years of work and to see it all come together is hugely rewarding.”

Specifics regarding each of these projects are available through Theatre by the Bay’s website and more information will continue to be announced in the future. Please note that dates/events are subject to change as TBTB monitors the global situation closely. Stay informed by following TBTB on social media or visit www.theatrebythebay.com.

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