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TBTB CELEBRATES THE PROCLAMATION OF BOBBIE ROSENFELD DAY

Bobbie Rosenfeld Day will fall on August 30, 2023

BARRIE, ON. On July 19, the City of Barrie proclaimed that August 30, 2023 will be Bobbie Rosenfeld Day.

Fanny “Bobbie” Rosenfeld was the Canadian Female Athlete of the First Half Century, an Olympic champion, and a resident of Barrie in the early 20th century. Theatre by the Bay, Am Shalom Synagogue and members of the community collaborated to see Barrie City Council recognize the legacy of Rosenfeld in the Canadian sports industry and celebrate a champion from the Barrie community.

In attendance at the event were Mayor of Barrie Alex Nutall, Jeff Wellman from Am Shalom Synagogue, and TBTB’s Artistic Director, Iain Moggach.

“The City of Barrie is honoured to recognize the remarkable legacy of Barrie’s very own athletic icon, Bobbie Rosenfeld,” said Mayor Nutall. “Bobbie’s tenacity, dedication, and unmatched talent have left an indelible mark on the sporting landscape of our city, inspiring generations of athletes to pursue their dreams fearlessly. This is not just a day of remembrance but a celebration of the enduring spirit that fuels our city’s passion for sports and the pursuit of excellence.”

“Bobbie Rosenfeld was a remarkable local figure from our community that deserves this recognition,” said Moggach. “The production of *Bobbie* will be incredible, but the establishment of Bobbie Rosenfeld Day is something that will long-outlive our production. I am grateful to the individuals in our community that supported the push to make Bobbie Rosenfeld Day a reality.”

Bobbie Rosenfeld Day will be on the same day as the first performance of TBTB’s world premiere production, ***Bobbie***, written by local playwright Trudee Romanek. The play chronicles Fanny and her family as they fled from the violence and turmoil of Russia to the safety of Barrie. It was here that she developed the passion for sport and began her incredible journey to become an Olympic champion. A powerful story of perseverance, passion and triumph in the face of personal and professional adversity. Running from August 30 to September 10 with matinee and evening performances available.

For tickets and general information, please visit www.theatrebythebay.com/bobbie. For interviews and promotional material, please contact Khaleel Gandhi.

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