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Theatre by the Bay launches Professional Workshop Series to support the growth of the local theatre community

BARRIE ONTARIO - Theatre by the Bay, with support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, is expanding the number of opportunities for local artists to learn the craft of playwriting. The Professional Workshop Series will connect local artists with Canada's most celebrated and exciting theatre creators through monthly workshops.

A core tenet of Theatre by the Bay's mandate is to support and grow the theatre community in Simcoe County. This has been manifested through its Barrie Theatre Lab and Emerging Director Project programs. Adding to this roster of hands-on learning opportunities for artists at any level of their professional development comes the Professional Workshop Series.

Once a month, leading Canadian artists in playwriting and theatrical creation will provide workshops that touch upon their play creation processes and philosophies. Participants will receive hands-on instruction, as well as feedback on their works in progress. As a result of this unparalleled level of training, spots will be extremely limited and subject to the specifications of the instructor.

"I am excited for this incredible initiative," says Iain Moggach, Artistic Director of Theatre by the Bay, "Projects like the Professional Workshop Series are exactly what our community needs to help fuel the next generation of theatre creators. Plus, at a time of such uncertainty for our industry, to be able to support some of the most exciting theatrical leaders in Canada is a great gift. It tells them that Simcoe County is a place that is excited to engage with their creativity"

The first workshop will be instructed by Governor General Literary Award-winning playwright, Vern Thiessen, on October 24th.

Other instructors, as well as dates and times, will be announced in the coming weeks. A nominal fee is being asked for to support Theatre by the Bay to be part of this initiative.

Theatre by the Bay is a professional theatre company seeking to grow the Central Ontario arts community by empowering local theatre artists, engaging local audiences with high quality programming, and telling locally-focused stories that engage the diverse peoples of Barrie and Central Ontario. In 2019, Theatre by the Bay was recognized as Barrie's 'Most Innovative Not-for-Profit' at the Mayor's Innovation Awards.

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