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TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR THE SIMCOE COUNTY THEATRE FESTIVAL

The Festival will run from June 15th to 26th at the Five Points Theatre

BARRIE, ON. Tickets to Theatre by the Bay's inaugural Simcoe County Theatre Festival are now on sale. The Festival will run from June 15-26 at the Five Points Theatre and feature six new, original plays written, directed and performed by Simcoe County artists.

"The Festival will be a fantastic showcase of the amazing talent in Simcoe County and a celebration of local theatre in the area," says Artistic Director, Iain Moggach. "It is so exciting to see the collaborations happening and the range of productions we have in store for our inaugural year."

The six plays premiering at the Festival are:

1. *B-O-D-Y*, created by Black Cat Theatre Co. and directed by Sabrina Merks.
2. *"I" on the Prize*, written by Trudee Romanek and directed by Stephen Bainborough.
3. *Barrie, Europa*, written by Kristian Diesen and directed by Rochelle Reynolds.
4. *Murth Island*, written by Alexandra Gaudet and directed by Keara Voo.
5. *Retrograde*, written by Jackson Doner and directed by Ashley Frederick.
6. *The Cowgirl of Suburbia*, written by Megan Adam and directed by Stacey Schat.

The Festival will run over 11 days. Weeknight and Sunday events will feature two shows and Saturday events will feature the entire roster of plays. Single night tickets, which will include two shows, are available for \$25 + HST. Saturday specials are \$35 + HST, which will include three shows. Festival passes are also available for \$60 + HST and will provide the holder access to all six shows. Youth under the age of 25 can save 20% on all ticket options with the promo code FESTIVAL.

The Simcoe County Theatre Festival is made possible by Theatre by the Bay's 2020 Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant. It was designed to help develop educational opportunities for local artists. The Festival will also be supported by a committee of Theatre by the Bay staff as well as event and festival coordinators from the local and provincial areas.

More information on the Festival, including the schedule of events, can be found at www.theatrebythebay.com/festival.

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