

Local Celebrities engage in Power Play!

Tuesday, December 10 – Will the trophy go to a former Blue Bomber, journalist, media personality or an entomologist?... Sarasvati Productions is proud to present the celebrity line-up for its 4th annual *So You Think You Can Act* fun fundraiser, taking place February 18th. This annual event has featured some of Winnipeg's biggest names and this year is no exception.

So You Think You Can Act pairs Winnipeg celebrities who do not have acting experience with local actors to perform a scene. A panel of judges will provide hilarious commentary in the style of reality-television competition programming. Ultimately, the audience will vote for their favourite pair! Tying in to Sarasvati Productions' season of *Power Up*, this year's *So You Think You Can Act* theme is *Power Play* – scenes will explore power struggles from the hilarious to the life-changing!

Hosted by Jon Ljungberg (comedian, media celebrity and past participant of *So You Think You Can Act*)

Judges – **Trish Cooper** (local playwright and actor, former member of Royal Liechtenstein Theatre Company), **Toby Hughes** (local actor, improv artist and member of Outside Joke) and **Gord Tanner** (local actor, former member of Royal Liechtenstein Theatre Company)

Celebrities – **Rana Bokhari** (Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party), **Chris Cvetkovic** (former Winnipeg Blue Bomber), **André Lewis** (Artistic Director Royal Winnipeg Ballet), **Kelly Linehan** (CTV), **Romi Mayers** (musician), **Doug Speirs** (Winnipeg Free Press), and **Taz Stuart** (entomologist).

“In the first two years radio personalities dominated the competitions with past winners Ace Burpee and Kerri Salki, then last year we had the unique experience of a tie between a comic and a football player with Big Daddy Tazz and Troy Westwood. We can't wait to see if either politicians or musicians can finally break in to the winner's circle,” says Artistic Director Hope McIntyre.

“Although we are known for tackling important theatrical works in our season, this event is really just about having a good time. Last year our audience had a blast with a lot of laughs. Who knows what will happen this year!”

Funds raised will go towards the spring production of *Miss N Me*, a world premiere of the latest play by Governor General Award winning playwright Catherine Banks in May 2015, as well as supporting FemFest 2015 in September.

So You Think You Can Act: Power Play takes place on **Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm at the Gas Station Arts Centre** (445 River Avenue). Tickets are \$25 and are available on-line at www.sarasvati.ca.

About Sarasvati Productions: *Sarasvati Dramatic Theatre Productions and Repertory Inc. (founded in Winnipeg in 2000) seeks to inspire artists and audiences through the use of theatre and to provide a space where artists can develop, showcase their skills and celebrate their creativity.*