

Celebs Take on Revolutionary Theatre with Sarasvati Productions!

Tuesday, December 10 – Will the trophy go to a former blue bomber, journalist, media personality or a comedian... Sarasvati Productions is proud to present the celebrity line-up for its 3rd annual *So You Think You Can Act* fun fundraiser, taking place February 19th. 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 *Revelation and Revolution*, this year's *So You Think You Can Act* theme is *The Revolution Starts Now* – scenes will explore all types of revolution from the hilarious to the life-changing!

Hosted by Ace Burpee (Virgin Radio and inaugural winner of *So You Think You Can Act*)

Judges – **Sharon Bajer** (local playwright and actor), **Ardith Boxall** (Artistic Director, Theatre Projects Manitoba) and **Kevin Klassen** (co-Artistic Director, *Shakespeare in the Ruins*)

Celebrities – **Alison Gillmor** (Winnipeg Free Press and CBC Radio), **Jim Ingebrigtsen** (radio/tv producer and host), **Obby Khan** (former Winnipeg Blue Bomber), **Eva Kovacs** (Global), **Kris Laudien** (CTV), **Big Daddy Tazz** (comedian), and **Troy Westwood** (former Winnipeg Blue Bomber).

“So far radio personalities have dominated the competitions with past winners Ace Burpee and Kerri Salki, we are excited to see if football players are better actors than those in the media,” 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 our spring production of *Fefu and Her Friends*, an Off-Broadway hit from the 1980s, which will receive its Winnipeg premiere in May 2014.

So You Think You Can Act: The Revolution Starts Now takes place on **Wednesday, February 19 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.*