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So You Think You Can Act Brings the House Down!

Winnipeg, February 21, 2013 – Last night a star-studded celebrity line-up brought the house down as part of Sarasvati Productions 2nd annual *So You Think You Can Act* fundraiser. The evening saw local non-actor celebrities take to the stage to perform short scenes, relating to the theme *Family Ties*. Each celebrity exceeded everyone's expectations and performed with incredible confidence.

Though a hilarious panel of judges and an Emcee provided commentary for the celebrities, the winner of the evening's competition was chosen by audience vote. Ultimately, Kerri Salki of 102.3 Clear FM was chosen best in show and announced the winner! Kerri performed expertly opposite her scene partner Cheryl Gensiorek in Daniel MacIvor's classic piece, "Marion Bridge." Runners up were world champion curler Jeff Stoughton and big band legend Ron Paley. All of our celebrities and their scene partners had an incredible time learning a new craft and performing for an enthusiastic audience.

"It was even better than last year," exclaimed Sarasvati Productions Artistic Director Hope McIntyre. "We are absolutely thrilled with the celebrities bringing their A-game to this year's event, and it was great to see how appreciative the audience was. A good time was had by all!"

Funds raised from last night's event will go toward Sarasvati Productions' main stage play *Jail Baby*, which will be making its world premiere from May 16-26, 2013. Created in partnership with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba, *Jail Baby* explores issues surrounding incarcerated women and women in and out of the justice system. The play explores the myths and stereotypes surrounding motherhood, crime and what happens when those two worlds intersect.

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 place where artists can develop, showcase their skills and celebrate their creativity.