

So You Think You Can Act: Entertaining Revolution!

Winnipeg, January 17, 2014 –On February 19th at the Gas Station Arts Centre, the third annual *So You Think You Can Act* fundraiser will entertain audiences with a selection of scenes by celebrated playwrights on the topic of revolution. *So You Think You Can Act* is a fun fundraiser supporting the transformative theatre work of Sarasvati Productions. The evening will feature local celebrities testing out their acting skills in front of a panel of judges and an audience.

In the style of reality television competition shows, each celebrity will be paired with an actor and given material tailored to them. **Alison Gillmor** as Deb in *The Girl Who Loved Castro* by Colleen Curran sips Mojitos in a small cantina in Havana and boasts about her admiration for Fidel Castro oblivious to the feelings of the cantina keeper. **Jim Ingebrigtsen** as a professor in *The Essay* by Hannah Moscovitch argues the merits of a female student's paper. **Obby Khan** as Wendle in *Riot* by Andrew Moodie doesn't have anything good to say about Quebec and their so-called distinct society. **Eva Kovacs** will tackle the character of Francis from Wendy Lill's *The Fighting Days*. Francis is loud, Francis is proud, and Francis will NOT make a spectacle of herself at the suffrage parade!

"This is great way for audiences to see their favorite celebrities in a whole new light," says Artistic Director Hope McIntyre. "This year's theme is revolution, and the scenes will explore the good, the bad and the outrageous acts of revolt."

Rounding out the evening will be CTV's **Kris Audien** in *Good Intentions* by Ginny Collins, which premiered in 2013 at Winnipeg Jewish Theatre. Audien plays Peter, who just isn't very good at asking a beautiful women out on a date. Comedian **Big Daddy Tazz** plays Simon who thinks he must have lasersperm in *Kiss The Moon, Kiss The Sun* by Norm Foster. Finally **Troy Westwood** tackles a scene from *Why Torture Is Wrong, And The People Who Love Them* by comic genius Christopher Durang. He plays Leonard who is on a serious mission with his trusty side-kick Hildegarde. He only wishes her panties would stop falling down.

You can expect big laughs from our host Ace Burpee (Virgin Radio) as well as from our expert judges Sharon Bajer (local actor/playwright), Ardith Boxall (Theatre Projects Manitoba), and Kevin Klassen (Shakespeare in the Ruins).

As part of the event a raffle will be held with prizes from some of Winnipeg's finest establishments.

***So You Think You Can Act* will run on February 19th, at 7pm at the Gas Station Arts Centre (445 River Avenue). Tickets are \$25, which includes a wine reception, and can be purchased online at www.sarasvati.ca or at 204-586-2236.**

About Sarasvati Productions: We seek 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.