

### **Emerging Artists Learn the Ropes!**

**Winnipeg, December 5, 2014** – Everything you ever needed to know to get ahead as an artist will be covered in Sarasvati Productions' exciting workshop series! We have three workshops, a Q&A with industry professionals and a monthly social get together to help give emerging artists a leg up in the industry. In order to support a wide range of emerging artists all workshops are being offered for little to no cost.

- The first workshop we are offering is *The Wonderful World of Grants 101* on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm facilitated by a representative from Winnipeg Arts Council and Manitoba Arts Council. They will talk about the various grant programs each of their organizations offers, who is eligible and how you apply for them, particularly as an emerging artist. Free admission but registration is required.
- On January 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm actor, playwright and director Sharon Bajer will be the facilitator of *How to Get Your Foot in the Door*, a workshop on how to format cover letters, resumes, scripts and headshots to industry standard while still making them stand out. Cost is \$15.
- Our final workshop of the season is *Get Your Act Together*, an introduction to Business Basics for Theatre Artists with Jan Skene on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. She will answer questions related to self-promotion, membership in EQUITY/ACTRA, dealing with taxes and accessing resources. Cost is \$15.
- In addition to these three workshops, with the support of the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre we will be offering *Theatre Lives: Q&A with Krista Jackson & Rod Beilfuss* on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Krista is directing *Private Lives* at the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre Warehouse with Rod apprentice directing. Both are successful local actors, directors and founders of their own theatre companies. Emerging artists will get a chance to ask them questions about their careers, their work on *Private Lives*, and get tips as artists. Free admission but registration is required.
- If that's not enough, on the third Monday of every month in partnership with Arts and Cultural Industries of Manitoba we host Work It Night at 7pm, an opportunity for artists to present their works in progress to each other for feedback and support.

Those interested in the workshops can get more information and register at 204-586-2236 or [wren@sarasvati.ca](mailto:wren@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.*