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Sarasvati Productions Launches 17th Season!

Winnipeg, August 8, 2017 – On August 4th Sarasvati Productions held its annual season launch aptly titled *Envision...* Over 60 members of the community attended the event in order to get an exclusive sneak-peek at the exciting and ambitious 2017/18 theatre season. The launch took place at The Saddlery on Market and featured excerpts of the upcoming season.

Highlights of Sarasvati Productions' 2017/18 theatrical season include:

- **FemFest 2017: *Coming of Age*** – FemFest celebrates 15 years and continues to be Canada's primary festival for female playwrights. FemFest takes place from **September 16-23, 2017**. The launch highlighted the Winnipeg premiere of *Two Indians* by Falen Johnson. The festival will also include the return of award-winning playwright Judith Thompson and a first-time partnership with the West End Cultural Centre to host *Tomboy Survival Guide* by Ivan Coyote. Full details at www.femfest.ca.
- **International Women's Week Cabaret of Monologues** will run from **March 4-10, 2018** with the theme *I Am Unstoppable*. Pieces will explore stories of meeting challenges, overcoming obstacles or simply living life to the fullest. A national call has gone out for monologues and performance pieces, which will be performed in various community venues.
- ***New Beginnings*** – The world premiere of the full-production of *New Beginnings* will run May 22 to May 27, 2018. Work began over a year ago as interviews and workshops were conducted with the newcomer community. The project will tell the stories of displacement and resettlement through a multi-media experience.
- **Workshop Series** – We will continue to offer on-going skill-development workshops to emerging artists and youth. This year, our popular informal mentorship meet-ups *Coffee with a Pro* will continue as well as sessions on technical elements, monologues and making a living as a theatre artist in Winnipeg. After a very successful pilot project in the North End, we will continue to offer workshops and mentorship opportunities to serve youth in our North End neighbourhood.
- Plus two fundraising events! After our inaugural ***Women's Comedy Night*** sold out last year we will be offering an early and a late show this year on **November 15, 2017** once again hosted by Dana Smith at the King's Head Pub. Stay tuned for details on a gourmet perogie night in June 2018.

This season we are envisioning a future full of inspiration and possibility! Check out an overview of the season - <https://youtu.be/sZSRfc9Czqo>

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.