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FEMFEST 2018 SHOW CONFRONTS TREATY VIOLATIONS WITH WITTY SATIRE

Winnipeg, August 27, 2018 – FemFest once again amplifies the voices of women theatre artists to tell seldom-heard stories. This year, we’re proud to present *OUR HOME and native land* by Jo MacDonald, the winner of last year’s Bake-Off.

The Bake-Off is a playwriting competition in which each participant must create a scene with three specific “ingredients” (actions, lines, or objects) in eight hours. The scenes are read at the festival and the audience gets to choose the winner. The winning playwright receives dramaturgical guidance as they complete their play in time to have it read at the next festival.

OUR HOME and native land is a sharp and outrageously funny play in which two educators running a workshop called *Understanding the Treaties* have to try to make “Ms. Selfie-Important” and “Mr. Mansplainer” understand their point of view. A third participant in the workshop ends up helping out and it’s both hilarious and morally satisfying to see the other two start to get angry about how poorly our government has treated Indigenous people.

FemFest runs from **September 15-22, 2018** at the **Asper Centre for Theatre and Film** (at the University of Winnipeg, 400 Colony Street). Tickets are \$15-\$20 for single shows and a full festival pass is available for \$50. FemFest welcomes everyone to join this celebration of transformative theatre. For more information, please visit www.femfest.ca.

About Sarasvati Productions: *Founded in Winnipeg in 2000, 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. FemFest has been up and kicking since 2003 and to date has showcased hundreds of artists!*



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