

## **FEMFEST 2018 ONE NIGHT STAND FEATURES FIVE UNIQUE WRITERS**

**Winnipeg, August 27, 2018** –Would you want to date this play? This is the question that Sarasvati Productions' One Night Stand series asks audiences. As the finale event of FemFest 2018, the One Night Stand evening of readings of works in progress on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9pm will invite audiences to be part of the creative process. They will be asked to comment on the work of an exciting array of writers. Then join in a toast to close off the 16<sup>th</sup> annual festival.

This special edition of the One Night Stand at FemFest is directed by Tatiana Carnevale. Playwrights Donna-Michelle St. Bernard, Jo MacDonald, Cairn Moore, Leigh-Anne Kehler, and Frances Koncan will all have their current projects read by an ensemble of actors.

- Donna-Michelle St. Bernard aka Belladonna the Blest is an emcee, playwright and agitator. She is a two-time Governor General Award nominee for her plays.
- Jo MacDonald is Anishinaabe, a mom, theatre fan, writer, and an educator. Jo had her Winnipeg Fringe debut with her comedy play *Mother's Little Secret* this past July.
- Cairn Moore is a director and playwright and teaches first year performance at the University of Winnipeg. Her award winning play *SHIKSA* premiered with Winnipeg Jewish Theatre in 2016.
- Leigh-Anne Kehler is a playwright, actor, and professional storyteller. Northern Light Theatre in Edmonton, Prairie Theatre Exchange and Theatre Projects Manitoba have commissioned and produced several of Leigh-Anne's plays.
- Frances Koncan is an Indigenous writer, director, & producer of Anishinaabe and Slovene descent. She is the Artistic Director of Vault Projects.

FemFest 2018: Staging Resistance 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](http://www.femfest.ca).

**About Sarasvati Productions:** *Founded in Winnipeg in 2000, Sarasvati Productions is experimental and transformative theatre that presents significant social issues; engages in community collaboration; and supports emerging artists. FemFest has been up and kicking since 2003 and to date has showcased hundreds of artists!*