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Sarasvati Productions' Challenges Local Celebrities!

Tuesday, December 4 – Olympic medalist, champion curler, celebrated musicians and Winnipeg media personalities... Sarasvati Productions is proud to present the celebrity line-up for its 2nd annual *So You Think You Can Act* fun fundraiser, taking place February 20th. Last year's inaugural event was a huge success. Audiences are chomping at the bit to hear about this year's event.

So You Think You Can Act pairs Winnipeg celebrities who do not have acting experience with local actors to perform a scene. A panel of judges will provide hilarious commentary in the style of reality-television competition programming. Ultimately, the audience will vote for their favourite pair! This year's theme is *Family Ties* – scenes will explore the humour and conflict that we all know exist in family relationships!

Hosted by Lee White (CRUMBS improv group)

Judges – **Mariam Bernstein** (local actor and director), **Ryan Miller** (Hot Thespian Action) and **Robb Paterson** (Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, Associate Director)

Celebrities – **Jenna Khan** (Breakfast Television), **Jon Ljungberg** (Shaw TV), **Marcy Markusa** (CBC Radio), **Ron Paley** (Ron Paley Big Band), **Kerri Salki** (102.3 Clear FM), **Desiree Scott** (Olympic bronze medalist) and **Jeff Stoughton** (world champion curler).

“After last year’s amazing success, that saw Ace Burpee take home the trophy, we are excited to welcome a whole new list of celebrities,” says Artistic Director Hope McIntyre. “Although we are known for tackling important theatrical works in our season, this event is really just about having a good time. Last year our audience had a blast with a lot of laughs. Who knows what will happen this year!”

Funds raised will go towards our spring production of *Jail Baby*, a partnership with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba, which will receive its world premiere in May 2013.

So You Think You Can Act: Family Ties takes place on **Wednesday, February 20 at 7pm at the Gas Station Arts Centre** (445 River Avenue). Tickets are \$25 and are available on-line at www.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.*