

So You Think You Can Act: The Revolution Starts Now!

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INTRODUCING...

THE EMCEE:



Ace Burpee

We are pleased to welcome Ace back. He won the inaugural So You Think You Can Act trophy in 2012. Ace Burpee is from Cooks Creek, Manitoba. He currently works as the host of the Ace Burpee Show with Chrissy Troy on 103.1 Virgin Radio. Prior to that, he played in the NHL. This is not true. At all. Prior acting experience includes being on float with Beethoven the dog in Beethoven's Christmas Adventure. Ace was cut from the scene prior to release.

THE JUDGES:



Sharon Bajer

Sharon is an actress, playwright and director and currently the Directing Artist-in-Residence at Rainbow Stage. Recent credits include acting in *The Seagull* and *A Christmas Story* at RMTC, directing *Portage and Munsch* (PTE), *Run for Your Wife* (Festival Antigonish), *Bloodless* (White Rabbit Productions), *Riddle Me Home* (Tapestry New Opera), *The Ends of the Earth* (PTE@PTE) and *Cry After Midnight* and *Eden* for Sarasvati.

Sharon was a participant in Stratford's Michael Langham Workshop in Classical Direction for the 2010 and 2011 seasons. Sharon is a member of the Playwright's Unit at PTE. She has written several plays including *Hersteria*, *Burnin' Love* and *Molly's Veil*. Sharon is a graduate of Studio 58.



Ardith Boxall

A graduate of the University of Winnipeg, Ardith has performed with many professional theatre companies and recently directed *Our Country's Good* for the U of W Theatre Department. Selected acting credits include, *Three Sisters* (zone41/TPM), *Shakespeare's Dog* at the Manitoba Theatre Centre/National Arts Centre, *Zaidie's Shoes* and *The Norbals* at Prairie Theatre Exchange, *Crave* with English Suitcase and *The Darling Family* by Linda Griffiths. In 2005, Ardith took the reins as Artistic Director of Theatre Projects Manitoba where her directing credits include *John and Beatrice*, *North Main Gothic*, *Age of Arousal*, *The Daffodil Man*, *God's Country: Tales of Doom from the North End*, *The Monster*

Trilogy, *Chekhov and Me*, *Area 51*, *Hi Diddle Dee Dee*, *Seeing Red*, and *Floodgates*.

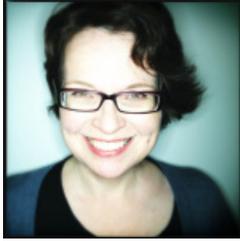


Kevin Klassen

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Kevin has been performing, producing, writing, and directing professional theatre in Winnipeg for 18 years now. He is currently working on "The Cherry Orchard" for Theatre By The River/Echo Theatre. He has been a member of Shakespeare in the Ruins for the past 10 years, and currently serves as Artistic Co-Chair. He thinks all competitive artistic events are terrible except this one.

THE CELEBRITIES:



Alison Gillmor - *Winnipeg Free Press and CBC radio*

Winnipeg journalist Alison Gillmor writes on pop culture for the Winnipeg Free Press and covers the local art and film scene for CBC radio. A born-and-bred Winnipegger, Alison likes the theatre but hasn't acted since Grade 11.

(photo by Mike Deal)



Jim Ingebrigtsen – *Radio and Television Producer/Host*

Jim has written, produced and hosted radio and television programming for more than three decades. His career also includes writing, producing and/or voicing over 3000 commercials. Jim sits on many boards and committees including Manitoba Theatre for Young People, Special Olympics, Winnipeg Harvest and the Wells Foundation. He is a former president of the Advertising Association of Winnipeg. Jim is a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for contribution to community and country.



Obby Khan - *Former Winnipeg Blue Bomber*

Obby Khan was centre for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers from 2006-2011. Prior to that he won the J.P. Metras Trophy as the top lineman in Canadian university football in 2003 and played for the Ottawa Renegades in 2004/2005. He is now owner of Shawarma Khan and a concession stand at the Investors Group Field in Winnipeg under the name Shawarma Khan In A Snap.



Eva Kovacs - *Global Morning News*

Eva Kovacs reflects on a childhood memory reciting Hungarian poetry at cultural events, her father coaching her to '*project to the back of the room*'. "On the Morning News," Eva smiles "I only have to project to the microphone clipped to my blouse. Acting and large audiences *still* freak me out." She sees her role as news anchor at Global Winnipeg as providing a grounding presence to the spontaneous fun that often erupts during the 3 hour morning cast: keeping it all under control. "I'm curious to see how I perform when I'm totally outside my comfort zone at *So You Think You Can Act*, and I hope I remember my father's advice."



Kris Laudien - *CTV Morning Live anchor*

Kris Laudien joined CTV Winnipeg in the summer of 2011 as the station's co-host of CTV Morning Live. He was born in Europe, but grew up in Vancouver, B.C. During his senior year, Kris was voted most likely to host a talk show by his high school peers. After spending a year at University, he followed that advice by jumping to the Broadcast Program at BCIT in Vancouver. Before joining CTV, Kris was a sports anchor in Edmonton and spent many years in radio including a memorable 4-year stint as the morning show co-host & producer of Mojo Radio in Vancouver. Kris says interviewing Prime Minister Paul Martin, covering the 2006 Stanley Cup Playoffs and 2010 Winter Olympics are the highlights of his career so far. Outside of work, Kris enjoys an active outdoor lifestyle when the weather permits. He also loves movies and travelling, especially in Central and South America.



Big Daddy Tazz - Comedian

Often described as "one of the most talented comics in the business," Tazz has been delighting crowds at fundraisers, corporate events, festivals and on television for more than a twenty years. Known as the "Bi-Polar Buddha", Tazz is equal parts comedian, and motivational speaker who likes to enlighten, educate and inspire. As a result, his one-man shows have drawn rave reviews and standing ovations from coast-to-coast. On April 1st 2008 Tazz set a record for the longest uninterrupted stand-up comedy show at 8 1/2 hrs. Of course **none** of this means anything unless he is funny at *So You Think You Can Act!*



Troy Westwood - Former Winnipeg Blue Bomber

Troy Westwood was an 18 year member of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. He is a multi-award winning Singer/Songwriter, including 2 time Juno nominee. He has been involved with numerous charities and non-for-profit organizations in MB and across Canada and is an outspoken advocate on the issue of ending violence against women. He is a father to two beautiful boys: Takeo 9 and Trey 5. He currently co-hosts "The Big Show" on TSN1290 weekday mornings from 6-10am.

Get your tickets now before it's too late! Just \$25 gets you in to the show as well as the after-show wine reception. All proceeds go towards supporting the artistic work of Sarasvati Productions.