

Sarasvati Productions to Celebrate Launch of 19th Season!

Winnipeg, July 11, 2019 – On Friday, August 2nd Sarasvati Productions will be launching its 19th theatrical season in Winnipeg with the theme *Into the Light* and they are having an event to celebrate! Everyone is invited to join in on the fun on August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at The Saddlery on Market (114 Market Ave). Feel free to stay for the evening or pop by as part of First Fridays in the Exchange. The night will include the official season announcement, exciting entertainment, and sneak peeks of the unique events patrons can look forward to in the upcoming season.

In 2019/20 Sarasvati Productions will present life-changing theatre for everyone, as part of their vision to transform society through theatre. This year's theme of *Into the Light* kicks off with FemFest 2019: *All the World's a Stage*, which will showcase talent from across the country, as well as celebrate local playwrights and emerging talent. The focus is on shows that bring the performance off of the stage and community in to the theatre. One example is winner of NOW Magazine Audience Choice Award at Summerworks 2018, *4inXchange* by xLq is an interactive, site-specific game with four players and \$1,000 cash. Or the unique *Like Mother, Like Daughter* from WhyNot Theatre, featuring local mothers and daughters in a unique game plus a sit down dinner with the full audience!

The *Into the Light* season launch will be taking place on Friday, August 2nd, 2019 at The Saddlery on Market (114 Market Ave) at 7:00 p.m. Free admission. Doughnuts have been generously donated by Oh Doughnuts!

In nineteen years in Winnipeg, Sarasvati Productions has established itself as a mainstay in the independent theatre scene with its unique approach to transformative art. With a mandate to use theatre to increase human understanding, the company has had a profound impact on audiences.

During its most recent 2018/19 season, Sarasvati hosted their *Women's Comedy Night* Fundraiser, showcasing some of Winnipeg's funniest women. In March of 2019, they produced a cabaret of monologues to celebrate International Women's Week, offering a diverse line-up of performances that honour women by telling their stories. From October to December, 2019 Sarasvati delivered *Home 2.0* an interactive show which centered around the experiences of newcomer youth in Canada. In May of 2019 Sarasvati successfully hosted public presentation to announce the official launch of the Reconciliation Project which will continue until May 2020. It truly has been a sensational season showing the company's growth. 2019/20 promises even more boundary-breaking work!

Come celebrate its launch with an evening of good company and great entertainment!

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.