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Spend An Evening With A Canadian Comedy Icon

Many Canadians are familiar with Andy Jones as one of the ground-breaking members of the Newfoundland comedy troupe CODCO, but the renowned actor and writer has also had a long and illustrious theatre career which has spanned over 30 years.

Andy Jones studied drama at the University of Toronto and here in Edmonton at the University of Alberta. He toured England with the Madhouse Company of London and Newfoundland with the Newfoundland Travelling Theatre Company before he joined the CODCO comedy troupe in 1974. Other members of the troupe included his sister Cathy Jones, Mary Walsh, Tommy Sexton, Greg Malone and Robert Joy. They performed on stage together until 1976 and debuted their television series in 1988; it lasted five seasons on CBC-TV.

Andy continues to perform on stage with a variety of critically acclaimed one-man shows - *Out of the Bin*, *Still Alive*, *King o' Fun*, *To the Wall*, (which garnered a GEMINI AWARD nomination), and *An Evening with Uncle Val*. His projects have been released on CD, DVD and as television films. Andy twice shared the nomination for an Emmy Award, in 1994 and 1995, as one of the writers on *The Kids In The Hall*. He shared both a Gemini Award in 1992 for co-writing the CODCO television series and the 2002 Earle Grey Award for Lifetime Achievement. In 1984 he received the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council's first Neala Griffin Award for achievement in theatre. His adaptation

of the folktale *The Queen of Paradise's Garden* was named to the International Youth Library of Munich, Germany's White Ravens list for 2010. He has been honoured with the ACTRA Award of Excellence for Lifetime Achievement and continues to write and perform in his home province as well as take his one-man shows on tour to various parts of the country.

Andy Jones' *An Evening With Uncle Val*, is running March 3rd to 13th at the TransAlta Arts Barns as part of Fringe Theatre Adventures' Adventures in Fringe Theatre. For more information on Andy Jones and his work please visit www.andyjonesproductions.com



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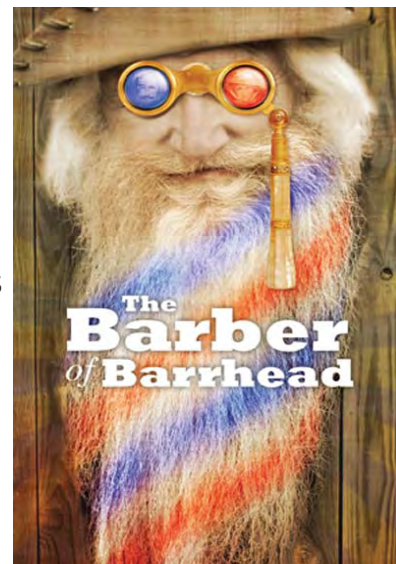
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UPCOMING ADVENTURES...

THE BARBER OF BARRHEAD

February 17 to 26, 2011

A collaboration between Edmonton Opera and Fringe Theatre Adventures takes family fun from Seville, Spain to the Alberta Klondike for *The Barber of Barrhead*. Prospectors seek and lose their fortunes during the Gold Rush, as Figaro, a barber and jack-of-all-trades, works to unite the young Al with his love Rosie, despite devious dealings by the dastardly innkeeper Bart.

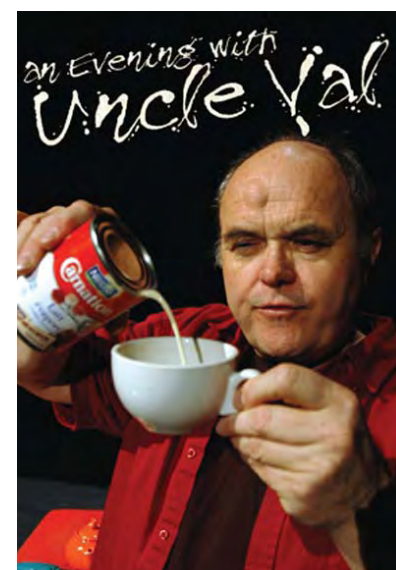


AN EVENING WITH UNCLE VAL

March 3 to 13, 2011

The year is 1987. An indignant, 70 year old retired fisherman displaced from his outport home, Uncle Val is now trapped in the 'Big City' of St. John's. Homesick, Val struggles to figure out what life has left to offer him. Is there anything of use for a senior citizen in the suburbs to do? Any reason for him to continue on? Any mystery or magic left for him to discover?

The hilariously sarcastic Uncle Val's journey brings us an evening of Christmas reminiscences, encounters with the Beatles, and the danger of St. John's winters, (or as Val likes to call it: The Seniors' Olympics). As Val struggles to find his place in 'city' life, he encounters birth, death, and romance; deals with the ongoing drama of his obnoxious son-in-law's George street pub; and experiences life as a devilish live-in babysitter for his grandchildren, Jimmy and Kimmy.

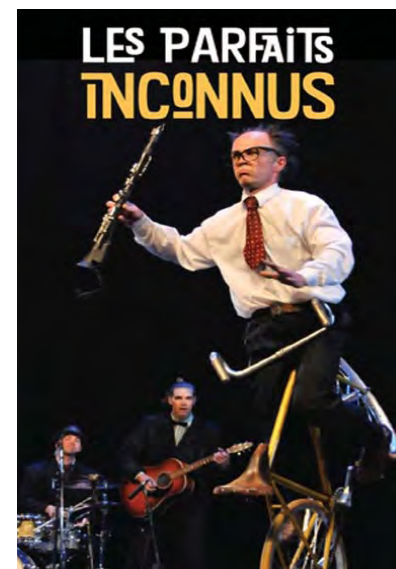


LES PARFAITS INCONNUS

April 8 to 17, 2011

Les Parfaits Inconnus are a zany medley of circus acts, comedy and electrifying music! Armed with a bicycle, a table, a board, and a ladder, six eccentric characters meet on stage, each trying to outdo the other in a contest of increasingly outrageous antics.

An hour with Les Parfaits Inconnus is one of sheer delight combining laughter, acrobatics, "unbalancing" acts, juggling and music that will rock your soul.



All FTA presentations take place at
The TransAlta Arts Barns (10330-84th Avenue) in the Westbury Theatre
Tickets are available now at the
Fringe Theatre Box Office
780.409.1910 or www.fringetheatre.ca

"LES PARFAITS INCONNUS" ARE CLIMBING THE CHARTS!

IS IT A ROCK CONCERT?

IS IT A CLOWN SHOW?

IS IT A CIRCUS?

IT'S ALL THREE!

"Les Parfaits Inconnus" is a circus troupe from Québec. In 2004, three independent artists - Manu a juggler, Sylvain an acrobat, and Yann a musician - discovered that they shared a common artistic vision in spite of their different backgrounds.

They decided to get together and create a new type of show, weaving circus arts, music, theatre, and comedy into one big playful extravaganza. "Les Parfaits Inconnus," a circus troupe and rock band all rolled into one, were born!

They performed their first show in November 2005. It was a coming together of the artists' various experiences and the beginning of a new adventure for each of them.

The adventure continues; circus, stunts, and rock 'n' roll!

Witness the magic that is "Les Parfaits Inconnus", April 8th to 17th at the Westbury Theatre at the TransAlta Arts Barns, as part of Fringe Theatre Adventures' Adventures In Family Theatre Series.



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Volunteer applications for
The 30th Edmonton International Fringe
Theatre Festival
will be available online March 1st!
At
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Year-Round!

We are always looking for
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Volunteers

WESTERN CANADA FASHION WEEK IS BACK!

The TransAlta Arts Barns Once again welcomes Western Canada Fashion Week, March 24th to 31st, 2011. WCFW is the longest running and most established Fashion Week in Alberta, supporting local and Canadian designers and artisans, while also showcasing some of the world's most established international designers.

A progressive environment is provided for designers to promote their collections to an appreciative audience and potential buyers. Photographers, make-up artists, hair stylists, fashion stylists and models have an excellent opportunity to collaborate with emerging and established professionals while refining skills and developing a strong design community. The Western Canada Fashion Week Festival is a fusion of art, design and musical culture, providing a great opportunity for designers, artists, performers, video artists and musicians to collaborate on an event unique to Alberta.



For more information on Western Canada Fashion Week or to purchase tickets to March's event visit:
www.westerncanadafashionweek.com

Our Friends At Northern Light Theatre Are Holding An Online Auction!

*Cherry-Popping
Online Auction*

MARCH 1 - 21, 2011

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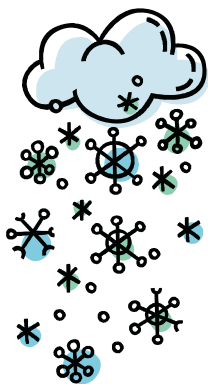
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The TransAlta Arts Barns

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2011

Feb. 17-26 – Barber of Barrhead

Feb. 24-27 – Rapid Fire Theatre

March 2011

March 3-6, 8-13 – An Evening with Uncle Val

March 14-18 – Alberta International Band Festival

March 19 – Martyn Joseph:

Presented by Northern Light Folk Club

March 24 – 31 – Western Canada Fashion Week

April 2011

April 1 – Catalyst Four Play Fundraiser

April 8-11 – Les Parfaits Inconnus

May 2011

May 6 - UHF: Presented by Northern Light Folk Club

May 12 - Ben Sures CD Release Party: Presented by
Northern Light Folk Club



For more information visit www.fringetheatreadventures.ca/calendar

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