



PRESS RELEASE

Two new plays in the beautiful setting of Fanshawe Pioneer Village

From July 6th – 28th AlvegoRoot Theatre in partnership with Fanshawe Pioneer Village will be presenting the premieres of Adam Corrigan Holowitz's adventure comedy **THE CHEESE POET** and Jeff Culbert's **CHICKEN FEATHER** running in repertory for the month. Both will be performed in Jones Barn at Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

"We had a great success last season partnering with Fanshawe Pioneer Village. This season we will present two brand new plays about London and Southwestern Ontario, a delightful comedy and a poignant First World War story. Both plays ask questions about pacifism and war. Is there a time to fight? Is there a time for peace? As we found last summer the barn at the Fanshawe Pioneer Village is a perfect and picturesque place for a night of summer theatre."

- Adam Corrigan Holowitz, Artistic Director

The famed Ingersoll Cheese Poet serves as inspiration for

THE CHEESE POET by Adam Corrigan Holowitz

Opening the season will be the comedy **THE CHEESE POET**. The play is in the style of a nineteenth century melodrama. **THE CHEESE POET** is a fictionalized portrait of the Ingersoll Cheese poet, James McIntyre. In his twilight years he embarks on a Don Quixote-esque quest to bring peace to world through the construction a thousand ton cheese. Complication arise when he is pursued by his greedy nephew Edwin and a curmudgeonly professor's wife intent on dispelling his dreams of peace through cheese! The production will be directed by **Adam Corrigan Holowitz**. The production features **Ben Kennes** as James McIntyre, **Madison Stoner** as Deidre and **Vicki Nicholls** as Mrs. Fruitlessmind. Also in the cast are **Demis Odanga**, **Taylor Bogaert** and **Bronwyn Wilson**.

Pressures on the home front explored in new World War One play

CHICKEN FEATHER by Jeff Culbert

CHICKEN FEATHER is a play about World War One and the men who chose not to enlist and were publicly shamed by young women who pinned white feathers on them to show their disapproval. Chicken Feather follows the relationship of a young man who gets pinned and the young woman who pins him. The production will be directed by **Jeff Culbert**. The production features **Taylor Bogaert** as Erin, **Stefannie Flannigan** as Muriel and **Ben Kennes** as Ryan.

Both productions will be designed by **Sue Parke** with musical direction by **Stephen Holowitz** and lighting design by **Chad Croteau**. AlvegoRoot's 2016 season is supported by the London Heritage Council, the City of London, Lerner's LLP and Fanshawe College.

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THE CHEESE POET by Adam Corrigan Holowitz

July 6, 12, 21, 26, 28 at 7:30pm

July 13, 20, 27 at 2:00pm

CHICKEN FEATHER by Jeff Culbert

July 7, 13, 14, 19, 20, 27 at 7:30 pm

THEATRE FEAST! (both plays, dinner and talkback for \$50): Wednesday July 20th 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Fanshawe Pioneer Village, 1424 Clarke Road

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