



PRESS RELEASE

Two new plays celebrate Canada 150 at Fanshawe Pioneer Village

From July 12th – 27th AlvegoRoot Theatre in partnership with Fanshawe Pioneer Village will be presenting the world premieres of Jason Rip's musical comedy **DOMINION DAY** and Adam Corrigan Holowitz's play about Canada's Centennial Year, **SIXTY-SEVEN**. Both plays are running in repertory for the month of July and will be performed in Dr. Jones' Barn at Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

"This summer AlvegoRoot presents two plays that examine how Canada has changed over 150 years. We have a hilarious musical comedy set in 1867. Next we have a stirring theatrical collage of 1967, Canada's iconic centennial year. Both plays are funny, exciting and thought provoking. Audiences are going to have a wonderful time seeing exceptional actors perform these plays at the beautiful Fanshawe Pioneer Village."

- Adam Corrigan Holowitz, Artistic Director

Days leading up to confederation in London Ontario presented hilariously in

DOMINION DAY Music by Stephen Holowitz, Book and Lyrics by Jason Rip

Opening the season will be the musical comedy **DOMINION DAY**. The play focuses on the days leading up to Canada's confederation. Everyone in London Ontario is too busy to notice they are about to become part of a new country. The recently defeated corrupt Mayor Frank Cornish is ready to start a fight with anyone who crosses his path. Everyone is on the lookout for the window peeper Slippery Jack. The Fenians are planning a surprise attack. The new mayor Frank Smith is more concerned with vegetable produce than politics. The play's style draws inspiration from a mix of Gilbert and Sullivan, Monty Python and *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town*. The production features **Ben Kennes** as Frank Cornish, **Kydra Ryan** as Slippery Jack, **Demis Odanga** as Frank Smith and **Steffanie Flannigan** as Johnny O'Neil. Also in the cast is **Ben Kopp**, **Chris McAuley** and **Madison Stoner**.

Canada's centennial explored in theatrical collage

SIXTY-SEVEN by Adam Corrigan Holowitz

Adam Corrigan Holowitz's new play **SIXTY-SEVEN** is a theatrical collage of Canada's centennial year, 1967, which captures the colourful complexities of that year. The play is full of the bright, fiery and passionate individuals of Canada 67, from the first woman cabinet minister Judy LaMarsh to Blake Brown, a man whose dream was to drive a sled-dog team through Canada's north, to the anger of controversial FLQ member Pierre Vallières and the verbosity of radio personality John "Mr. Canada" Fisher. The play also includes verbatim reminiscences from Londoners. The production features **Steffanie Flannigan** as Judy LaMarsh, **Elizabeth Durand** as Pierre Vallières, **Ben Kennes** as John Fisher, and **Ben Kopp** as Blake Brown.

Both productions will be directed by **Adam Corrigan Holowitz**, designed by **Sue Parke** with musical direction by **Stephen Holowitz** and lighting design by **Chad Croteau**. AlvegoRoot's 2017 season is supported by the London Arts Council, City of London, Ontario 150 and Fanshawe College.

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DOMINION DAY by Jason Rip

July 13, 19, 20, 25 at 7:30pm

July 12, 26 at 2:00pm

SIXTY-SEVEN by Adam Corrigan Holowitz

July 12, 18, 26, 27 at 7:30pm

July 19 at 2:00pm

THEATRE FEAST! (Both plays, dinner and talkback for \$50): Wednesday July 26th 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Fanshawe Pioneer Village, 1424 Clarke Road

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