

## PRESS RELEASE

### ***AlvegoRoot marks its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with plays about Canadian rebels***

From July 11<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> AlvegoRoot Theatre in partnership with Fanshawe Pioneer Village will be presenting the world premieres of the stage adaptation of James Reaney's **THE BOY WITH AN R IN HIS HAND** and Aimee Adler's new play **WELCOME TO BON ECHO**. Both plays run in repertory during July and will be performed in Dr. Jones' Barn at Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

*"It is hard to believe that we are already celebrating our 10th season as a theatre. Over these ten years AlvegoRoot has become known for championing local playwrights and stories. Our 2018 season reflects our passion for Souwesto theatre. We have a new stage adaptation of London theatre pioneer James Reaney's The Boy with An R in His Hand- a perfect play for the entire family. Next we have a play that looks at Canada's women's suffrage by one of this city's most exciting current playwrights Aimee Adler.*

- Adam Corrigan Holowitz, Artistic Director

*A fun filled adventure for the whole family awaits in*

## **THE BOY WITH AN R IN HIS HAND**

Based on the story by James Reaney

Adapted for the stage by Adam Corrigan Holowitz

Opening the season will be the family adventure **THE BOY WITH AN R IN HIS HAND**. The play sets in 1826 Upper Canada where siblings Alec and Elizabeth have just arrived to live with their nasty Uncle John, a member of the family compact. Alec soon encounters the press rebel William Lyon Mackenzie and becomes an apprentice at his fantastical print shop. The production features **Shaun Hessey** as Alec, **Chris McAuley** as William Lyon Mackenzie, **Alex Tremblay** as Elizabeth and **Elizabeth Durand** as Uncle John. Also in the cast is **Kydra Ryan** and **Patricia Tiemi**.

*Exciting new play commemorates 100th anniversary of suffrage*

## **WELCOME TO BON ECHO**

By Aimee Adler

Aimee Adler's **WELCOME TO BON ECHO** was specially commissioned to commemorate a hundred years since women's suffrage in Canada. The play looks at the life of Flora Denison, a revolutionary member of Canadian suffrage, who has secluded herself in Bon Echo where she devotes her time to nature and the ideals of Walt Whitman. Life in Bon Echo is turned on its head when a mysterious young woman arrives and starts to unravel complicated truths about herself. The production features **Elizabeth Durand** as Flora Denison and **Celine Medeiros** as June Baker. Also in the cast are **Shaun Hessey**, **Kydra Ryan**, **Adam Corrigan Holowitz** and London theatre veteran **John Turner**.

Both productions are directed by **Adam Corrigan Holowitz** and designed by **Sue Parke**. AlvegoRoot's 2018 season is supported by the London Arts Council, City of London and generous private donors.

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### **THE BOY WITH AN R IN HIS HAND**

July 12, 18, 19, 24 at 7:30pm

July 11, 25 at 2:00pm

### **WELCOME TO BON ECHO**

July 11, 17, 25, 26 at 7:30pm

July 18 at 2:00pm

**OPENING DAY!** Wednesday July 11: Between the plays enjoy a reception and interviews with the artists.

**Location:** Fanshawe Pioneer Village, 1424 Clarke Road

**Book Tickets:** [www.fanshawepioneervillage.ca](http://www.fanshawepioneervillage.ca) or 519-457-1296 ext. 810. Tickets also available at the door.