



## PRESS RELEASE

### ***AlvegoRoot's 2019 Season presents *Stories Imagined and Reimagined****

From July 10th – 25th AlvegoRoot Theatre in partnership with Fanshawe Pioneer Village will be presenting the world premiere of a new adaptation of **THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS** and a double bill of two early Canadian plays entitled **FOOLS AND LOVERS**. Both productions will run in repertory in Dr. Jones' Barn at Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

*"With both plays in our season we are taking stories from the past and reimagining them in exciting new ways. There is a new local play based on a classic, an early piece of Ontario theatre and, to top it off, a revival of one of London Ontario's first playwrights Hilda Mary Hooke!"* - Adam Corrigan Holowitz, Artistic Director

*A beloved classic tale reimagined in Southwestern Ontario*

## **THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS**

### **LIFE ON THE ANTLER RIVER**

By Adam Corrigan Holowitz

After the novel by Kenneth Grahame

Opening the season will be a new play by Adam Corrigan Holowitz, based on the novel *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame. Holowitz's play takes the story out of its original English setting and places it in a local Southwestern Ontario context. The play follows the cycle of a year in the life of the animals who live along the Antler River. Over this year a deep friendship builds between Mole and Ratty, who aided by the wise Badger, help the impulsive Mr. Toad get out of a series of sticky situations. This play is created to be enjoyed by both adults and children equally. The production features **Dan Ebbs** as Mole, **Kydra Ryan** as Rat, **Elizabeth Durand** as Badger and **Jason Rip** as Toad. Also featured is **Bronwyn Wilson**.

*An exciting dive into London's theatrical past with*

## **FOOLS AND LOVERS**

### **WIDOWS' SCARLET**

By Hilda Mary Hooke

### **BROTHERS IN ARMS**

By Merrill Denison

AlvegoRoot digs back into London's theatrical past with this double bill of comedies from the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century entitled ***Fools and Lovers***. The first play ***Widows' Scarlet*** (1939) is by one of London Ontario's first playwrights Hilda Mary Hooke. The play is inspired by the life of Doctor Troyer who lived near Long Point and fancied himself a witch hunter. The second play ***Brothers in Arms*** (1921) is by Merrill Denison, one of Canada's most successful early playwrights. The play is a satire about a businessman and his wife who, stuck in the bush, are attempting to get back to the city in time for an important business transaction. The production features **Casey Cornell**, **Dan Ebbs** and **Kydra Ryan**.

Both productions are directed by **Adam Corrigan Holowitz**, designed by **Sue Parke**, with musical direction by **Stephen Holowitz**. AlvegoRoot's 2019 season is supported by the London Arts Council, City of London and generous private donors.

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### **THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS**

Opening: July 10 at 3:00pm

July 11, 17, 18, 23 at 7:30pm

July 24 at 2:00pm

### **FOOLS AND LOVERS**

Opening: July 10 at 7:00pm

July 16, 24, 25 at 7:30pm

July 17 at 2:00pm

**OPENING DAY!** Wednesday July 10: Between the plays enjoy a dinner 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.