



AlvegoRoot announces 2020 Season Communities at a Turning Point

AlvegoRoot Theatre is pleased to announce its 2020 Season in partnership with Fanshawe Pioneer Village. In the summer of 2020 AlvegoRoot will present two plays, one a world premiere and the other a new version of a recent local play. Both plays will be performed in the beautiful setting of Dr. Jones' Barn at Fanshawe Pioneer Village. The plays will run in repertory from July 14th to July 23rd. Both plays will be directed by Adam Corrigan Holowitz.

"Our 2020 Season theme is Communities at a Turning Point. We are presenting two plays that explore how local communities made decisions to change at specific junctures in their history. There is a play that looks at how a piece of technology has continually shifted the culture of our city. Then we have a comedy that imagines a crucial moment in the history of a rural Ontario town on the shore of Lake Erie. This summer season in the barn will be full of extraordinary local stories and memorable performances from our ensemble." - Adam Corrigan Holowitz, Artistic Director

The surprising story of London's relationship with the bicycle

THE BICYCLE PLAY

By Dan Ebbs and Kydra Ryan
with Adam Corrigan Holowitz

Opening the season will be the world premiere of **The Bicycle Play** by Dan Ebbs, Kydra Ryan with Adam Corrigan Holowitz. This collective creation tells the story of London's formative relationship with the bicycle, exploring the stories of the many Londoners who have used bicycles to shape their lives and our city. The play will be performed by Dan Ebbs and Kydra Ryan.

"This is the kind of play that is central to our mission as a theatre. It tells a unique and surprising local story. As we create this play, Dan, Kydra and myself are constantly astounded at just how much the bicycle is ingrained in London Ontario's identity. This play is being created through research in archives and interviews with people passionate about London's cycling past and present. Every person we have talked to has shared an outpouring of stories, history and passion. The result I can promise is going to be a colourful, funny and thrilling theatrical experience." - Adam Corrigan Holowitz

A hilarious comedy set on the shore of Lake Erie

PIRATES OF LONG POINT

By Adam Corrigan Holowitz

A new version of **Pirates of Long Point** by Adam Corrigan Holowitz is the second play of the season. The play is a comedy, in the style of a 19th Century Melodrama, based on true events. A gang of young men are luring ships aground at Long Point, they then loot the ships and are gone before the authorities arrive. With the arrival of a bumbling American Navy admiral comes the threat of Long Point being annexed by the USA. The community must find a way to reform its moral character and keep Long Point part of Canada. The style of this play is in the same vein as AlvegoRoot's productions of *The Angel of Long Point* in 2015 and *The Cheese Poet* in 2016 which also combined a piece of local history with comedic melodrama.

"The first production of Pirates of Long Point premiered last August in Port Rowan (right next to Long Point) and the audience response was wonderful. I am excited to present a new version of this joyful and silly play, with some new twists and turns in the story. What I find exciting about these 'Souwesto Melodramas' that I've been writing, is the cocktail of influences that we can draw upon. There are allusions to the classics, a good dose of slapstick, physical theatre, local history, and lots of song. The result is a rich celebration of theatre." - Adam Corrigan Holowitz

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THE BICYCLE PLAY

By Dan Ebbs and Kydra Ryan
with Adam Corrigan Holowitz

Directed by Adam Corrigan Holowitz

Featuring
Dan Ebbs and Kydra Ryan

July 14, 16, 22 at 7:30pm
July 15, 23 at 3:00pm

A thrilling theatrical exploration of our city's relationship and history with the bicycle.

PIRATES OF LONG POINT

By Adam Corrigan Holowitz

Directed by Adam Corrigan Holowitz

July 15 at 7:00pm
July 21, 23 at 7:30pm
July 16, 22 at 2:00pm

A hilarious melodrama!
There are pirates on Long Point, but they don't have a boat, instead they are luring unsuspecting ships aground!

THEATRE FEAST

Wednesday July 15th

Make a day of it, see both plays and enjoy a dinner talk in between!

3:00 pm: THE BICYCLE PLAY

4:30 pm: DINNER

5:15 pm: INSIGHTS ON THE PLAYS

7:00 pm: PIRATES OF LONG POINT

Dinner and Insights included with your purchase of tickets to the plays.

Tickets will go on sale in the spring.

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