



Inspiring piece of local history inspires world premiere of **The Lawyer of La Salette**

From July 26th to 29th AlvegoRoot Theatre and Fanshawe Pioneer Village will present the world premiere of **The Lawyer of La Salette** in Dr. Jones' Barn at the Village. The play is written by **Adam Corrigan Holowitz** and **Kydra Ryan** (creators of last summer's hit play *Sweet Marie*), who also perform alongside **Jessica Pereira** and **Stephen Holowitz**.

Local folklore weaves through this fantastical play full of rousing folk music, quick comedy and riveting storytelling. The play begins in La Salette Ontario where a hungry fox keeps raiding the henhouse. Then in Fingal, the farmer Neil McAlpine saves his neighbours from famine. Finally in Ireland, Mary makes a life-and-death journey to escape starvation. As the cost of living rises beyond the breaking point, these are the stories the fabled Lawyer of La Salette tells in an attempt to wake the conscience of the avaricious grocery CEO Buster Easton.

"The inciting spark for creating this play was the story of Neil McAlpine, an Elgin County farmer, who after a spring frost in 1836 saved the neighbouring farms from ruin by sharing his store of wheat free of interest so they could replant. This inspiring magnanimous act shows humans at their best and is an important story for our times as the cost of living continues to climb. From there we mixed in more local stories that complement and contrast; ranging from comic to heroic to a heart-wrenching tale about the Irish Famine. The range of styles has given us the ability to get really creative with how we tell each story in a way that's made rehearsing so much fun and will delight audiences with a rich, varied and exciting summer theatre experience in the picturesque barn!" – **Adam Corrigan Holowitz and Kydra Ryan, co-creators**

2023 marks AlvegoRoot Theatre's 15th Anniversary Season. AlvegoRoot presents and develops plays by local playwrights about London Ontario and the surrounding region.

Performance Details:

July 26 at 7:00 PM
July 27 at 7:00 PM
July 28 at 3:00 PM
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July 29 at 3:00 PM

Location: Fanshawe Pioneer Village, 1424 Clarke Road

Tickets: \$25

Tickets can be purchased at: www.alvegoroottheatre.com

Performances are fully covered from the elements and carry on in rain or shine.

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High-resolution Production photos are now available upon request. [A gallery is also available by clicking here.](#)