

Playhouse launches summer season

A full summer season launches on July 5 at the Bancroft Village Playhouse with a delightful comedy created by a former writer from M*A*S*H, Mary Tyler Moore and All In the Family.

2 Across, written by Jerry Mayer, is about two strangers; a psychologist (Andrea McArdle) and an unemployed ad man (Kip Gilman) who find themselves alone on a San Francisco commuter train at 4 a.m., each doing their New York Times crossword puzzles. Before their crosswords are solved, they find that they may have solved the puzzles of their own lives.

The show, playing currently in Gravenhurst, is receiving stellar reviews online from fans of live theatre. Playhouse manager and Hospice coordinator Heather Brough says it's a great show to kick off a packed season of caring through culture.

"This is a show that takes twists and turns as it goes," says Brough. "It's really a great representation of the nine live shows we have booked this summer. We're going to go in all different directions with comedy, live music, improv, opera an illusionist and also a theatre camp for kids. We've got everyone covered for entertainment in July and August and all proceeds help to restore the Playhouse and support the free programs and services provided in the community by Hospice North Hastings."

Brough says the programs that these cultural activities will fund support 1,200 North Hastings residents each year through a medical equipment loan cupboard, a caregiver support day program, a visiting hospice and services are also provided in the residential Hospice that is located in downtown Bancroft.

The Village Playhouse's summer line-up offers different shows every week that are light-hearted and fun. From cheeky adult productions like ONEYmoon to live improv with Naomi Snieckus, to magic with illusionist Chris Funk and the Highlands Opera Studio, there will be so many reasons to visit the Village Playhouse and enjoy caring through culture.

2 Across will be at the Bancroft Village Playhouse from July 5 to July 8 and there is a matinee on Thursday, July 7. Shows start at 8 p.m. and the bar and box office open an hour in advance.

"Our events are licensed," explains Brough. "Come early and enjoy the view from our new patio and connect with our cultural community."

For more information visit bancroftvillageplayhouse.ca or check us out on Facebook. Tickets are available online at boxofficebancroft.com, or in town at Posies, Harvest Moon and Hospice House.

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