



CAPITOL THEATRE 2023

Summer Stage Series continues with **The BALLAD OF STOMPIN' TOM**

June 9 to July 2, 2023

Port Hope, ON | The Capitol Theatre's summer stage series continues with [*The Ballad of Stompin' Tom*](#) by David Scott, with songs and lyrics by Stompin' Tom Connors. The show features **Scott Carmichael** in the title role and a supporting ensemble of talented actor-musicians – **Haneul Yi, Jack Barr, Alex St. Kitts, Andy Trithardt, Donna Garner, and Melissa Payne** – directed by the Capitol's Artistic Director **Rob Kempson**. Opening night is Saturday, June 10. Tickets for *The Ballad of Stompin' Tom* are available at capitoltheatre.com, in person at the Capitol box office in Port Hope, or by calling 905.885.1071.

"Stompin' Tom loved small-town Canada, and he had a real respect for smaller communities, just like ours. His music acts as such a galvanising force, and in this show it creates a shared experience that is so much fun to perform and to watch. I am thrilled to bring this iconic Canadian story to the Capitol, with Scott and this phenomenal cast and creative team. You're going to feel like you're at the very best kind of kitchen party jam session." - **Director Rob Kempson**

The songs and stories that celebrate a Canadian icon.

Canadian Legend Stompin' Tom grew up in an orphanage, travelled throughout Northern Ontario playing the bar circuit, faced naysayers of all sorts, but he eventually found his success in telling the stories of our country. His captivating story is told through this unique tribute to "The Man of the Land" and a true icon in Canadian music. Featuring his greatest hits, such as Bud the Spud, Tillsonburg, Sudbury Saturday Night, and of course, The Hockey Song.

THE BALLAD OF STOMPIN' TOM

By David Scott

Songs & Lyrics by Stompin' Tom Connors

Director - Rob Kempson

Music Director - David Archibald

Stage Manager - Tamara Protic

ASM - Wei Qing Tan

Sound Designer - Emily Porter

Set Designer - Brandon Kleiman

Costume Designer - Joyce Padua

LX Designer - Cosette Pin

Lead Supporter - Allan and Robin Dines of Ganaraska Brewing Co.



Run Time: Approximately two hours, with one intermission.

Continuing until May 28

Shirley Valentine

By Willy Russell

Starring Deborah Drakeford as Shirley

A timeless and touching story about finding yourself.

Feeling like she's in a rut, middle-aged Shirley has taken to talking to the wall while preparing dinner for her emotionally distant husband. When her best friend wins a competition for two to Greece, she packs her bags, leaves a note on the cupboard door in the kitchen, and heads for a holiday that will alter the course of her life.

This classic story (known to many from the hit 1989 film), will touch your heart, tickle your funny bone, and make you think about living in the here and now.

Prairie Nurse

By Marie Beath Badian

Directed by Megan Watson

July 14 - 30

A laugh-a-minute comedy of confusion based on a real-life story!

In the late 1960s, two Filipino nurses come to work at a small-town Saskatchewan hospital. Cultural clashes, personality differences, homesickness, and the amorous but dim-witted goalie from the local hockey team complicate the women's lives and create chaos at the hospital. Add a doctor who is more concerned with fishing than his patients, and an overly romantic candy striper, and you've got the makings of a story that will have you rolling in the aisles.

Based on the true story of her mother's immigration to Canada, Badian's play is part romantic comedy, part farce, and all fun!

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Mickey and Judy

By Michael Hughes

July 27 – August 6

For some of us, life is a musical.

The overture for Michael Hughes' life story began when he was a child and watched the Judy Garland classic "The Wizard of Oz" with his family. How that musical and Garland herself ended up guiding his life is the subject of this utterly engaging, and beautifully heartfelt, solo show.



Playing to sold out audiences around the world, Mickey and Judy promises a night of music in our intimate Sculthorpe Theatre that celebrates the impact of one of the greatest stars of all time.

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Little Shop of Horrors

Book & Lyrics by Howard Ashman

Music by Alan Menken

Directed by Rob Kempson

August 11 – September 3

A hilarious sci-fi smash about a man-eating plant.

Seymour, a hapless florist, is looking for love on Skid Row and he finds it in the beautiful Audrey—but she fails to notice him. At the same time, he has managed to grow a strange new plant, lovingly named Audrey II, which eventually helps capture her attention and that of his whole community. But Audrey II has some pretty particular eating habits, setting Seymour on a course that will change his life and the whole of Skid Row.

Based on the 1960 cult classic film, this Motown-infused musical is sure to make you laugh—and fear the words “Feed Me!”

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The Capitol Theatre is dedicated to producing and presenting a balanced schedule of high-quality professional theatre, live music, film, and other special events in historic Port Hope, while also providing a home for the local arts community. We are committed to building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive future, where all individuals, groups, and organisations are welcome to create, collaborate, and connect. We strive to provide memorable experiences for our guests through artistic excellence, a wide variety of programming, and the historic venue itself. For more information, check out capitoltheatre.com.



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THE BALLAD OF STOMPIN' TOM - MEDIA CALL

Friday, June 9 at 1:00pm

B-Roll Filming, Press Photography, and Interviews Available

RSVP to admin@capitoltheatre.com