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4th Line announces a return to live performances with its fall production *Bedtime Stories and Other Horrifying Tales*

Millbrook, ON... 4th Line Theatre cannot wait to welcome audiences back to the historic Winslow farm to take part in their world premiere Halloween production, *Bedtime Stories and Other Horrifying Tales*, co-written by Kim Blackwell and Lindy Finlan. This creepy production is inspired by the images and creatures that fill children's nightmares, alongside a story of the devastating consequences of forbidden love. The show will be directed by Managing Artistic Director Kim Blackwell.

Set on a dark fall night in 1835, *Bedtime Stories and Other Horrifying Tales*, follows 10-year-old Samuel Deyell as he goes into the darkest night, in search of his missing mother. Samuel is joined on his quest by his two best friends. In the shadows, the children encounter the darkest secrets and most horrifying facets of Millbrook and Cavan. As the story unfolds, audiences will be taken throughout the Winslow farm to secret spaces never seen by audiences before.

This theatrical presentation will adhere to all provincial COVID mandates and guidelines for maximum audience numbers, physical distancing and mask wearing. Health checks will be done on all audience members and creative team members prior to each performance. "With 100 acres of land at the farm, we are very confident that people will be able to enjoy this production while maintaining appropriate distancing," explains Managing Artistic director Kim Blackwell. "As an outdoor theatre, we are ideally suited to return to entertaining theatre-going audiences in the fall of 2020."

Similar to previous 4th Line off-season productions, audiences will be immersed in the experience of *Bedtime Stories and Other Horrifying Tales* as they are guided, on foot, through the darkness, encountering eerie creatures, frightening scenes and unexpected experiences. The play is the first Halloween production ever performed at the farm theatre site.

The production run from October 20 to October 30th - with ten performances only and very limited tickets for each performance!

NOTE: This production travels up and down dark paths and over uneven terrain for approximately 1 km. Trail difficulty level: moderate to high.

4th Line asks each patron to dress for the weather, wear appropriate, sturdy footwear and bring a flashlight to the performance. Masks and social distancing are required. The performances will run rain, snow or shine.

**Not suitable for people with mobility or health issues. Contains frightening scenes and mature content. PG.*

DETAILS

Bedtime Stories and Other Horrifying Tales

Written by Kim Blackwell & Lindy Finlan

Directed by Kim Blackwell

Musical Direction & Original Compositions by Justin Hiscox

4th Line Theatre

779 Zion Line, Millbrook, ON

Production takes place at the Winslow farm venue:

- October 20 – 25 (Tuesday through Sunday) at 7 PM
- October 27—30 (Tuesday through Friday) at 7 PM

Tickets on sale now. \$25

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Kim Blackwell, Managing Artistic Director, 4th Line Theatre; Co-Playwright, Director, *Bedtime Stories and Other Horrifying Tales*

Kim is a veteran 4th Line director/producer – 2020 marks her 26th season with 4th Line Theatre where she has directed 24 productions including 12 world premieres. Selected credits include: Artistic Director (2014 - Present), Artistic Producer (2009 – 2014), Artistic Associate (2001-2009), directing: *The Fool of Cavan: A Christmas Caper* (2019), *Bloom: A Rock 'n Roll Fable* (2019), *The Other: A Strange Christmas Tale* (2018), *The Shadow Walk of Millbrook* (2016, 2018), *Who Killed Snow White?* (2018), ***The Hero of Hunter Street*** (2016), *The Bad Luck Bank Robbers* (2015, 2016), *The Real McCoy* (2013), *Queen Marie, St. Francis of Millbrook* (2012), *The Berlin Blues* (2011), *The Right Road to Pontypool* (2009, 2010), *Schoolhouse* (2007, 2008), *The Art of Silent Killing*, *That Summer*, *Crow Hill*, *The Cavan Blazers*, *Attrition*, *Gimme That Prime Time Religion* and many development workshops. She was nominated for the John Hirsch Award for Directing Excellence in 2009 (Canada Council) and 2014 (Ontario Arts Council). Kim was inducted into Peterborough's Pathway of Fame in September 2016.

Lindy Finlan, Co-Playwright, *Bedtime Stories and Other Horrifying Tales*

Born and raised in the rolling hills of Northumberland County, Lindy spent many weekends on her family farm in Wooler, Ontario, directing her obliging younger relatives in silly dramas. She has a BA Honours degree in English/Cultural Studies from Trent University and a B.Ed degree from Queen's University. She is thrilled to have started her career in the arts at 4th Line Theatre. She is currently 4th Line's General Manager and has worked with the company in various roles since 2010, including as an apprentice assistant director on Judith Thompson's *Who Killed Snow White?* in 2018. Her play *The Fool of Cavan: A Christmas Caper* was produced by 4th Line Theatre in December 2019. She has written, directed and performed in shows at The Theatre on King in Peterborough. She is excited to see her latest creation come to life under the expert direction of her co-writer, friend and work partner Kim Blackwell and a cast and crew of talented 4th Liners.

Tickets and gift certificates for 4th Line Theatre productions can be purchased by phone (705-932-4445), online at 4thlinetheatre.on.ca, or at **4th Line Theatre's Box Office** at 4 Tupper Street, Millbrook.

Attached Photos:

1. Kim Blackwell – 4th Line Theatre's Managing Artistic Director; Co-Playwright, Director, *Bedtime Stories and Other Horrifying Tales*
2. Lindy Finlan – 4th Line Theatre's General Manager; Co-Playwright, *Bedtime Stories and Other Horrifying Tales*. Photo by Tristan Peirce Photography.

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