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4th Line Theatre launches Propel Weekly Writing Program

Millbrook, ON... 4th Line Theatre is excited to launch a new initiative this month, the *Propel Weekly Writing Program*, adding to the company's virtual programming as part of the *Nexicom Presents 4th Line Theatre @ Home* event series. Anyone interested in participating is invited to join Managing Artistic Director Kim Blackwell for one or all in this 11-week series of online writing/creation workshops. The workshops are designed to inspire writers and creators and to allow them to commit time to their projects. There will also be time in each session to discuss work and collect feedback from Blackwell.

As Blackwell explains, "It is so challenging to carve out the time to devote to your artistic endeavours, especially your writing projects. The *Propel Writing Program* will allow interested participants to join me twice a week for a 20-minute period of writing and then, if you want, we can discuss your project, your progress and any challenges you are facing."

The writing workshops will run twice-a-week on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, February 17th through to Thursday, April 29th. Thanks to Nexicom, registration is free-of-charge. Space is limited to 50 participants per session, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The sessions will be hosted on the Zoom video platform. Closed captioning (CC) for the sessions is available to all participants.

Visit the 4th Line Theatre website to register to participate in one or more workshop sessions: <https://www.4thlinetheatre.on.ca/propel-weekly-writing-program> Once registered, you will receive an email prior to the event with a link to the meeting on the Zoom video platform.

All of 4th Line Theatre's virtual events are sponsored by Nexicom, who have always been an advocate of the importance of community connectivity.

4th Line Theatre's box office and administrative phone line is open. Call the box office at 705-932-4445 or toll free at 800-814-0055 for ticketing inquiries and event information.

BIOGRAPHIES

Kim Blackwell, Managing Artistic Director; dramaturge; playwright

Kim Blackwell is 4th Line Theatre's Managing Artistic Director and is a veteran 4th Line director/producer – 2021 marks her 27th season with 4th Line Theatre where she has directed 25 productions including 13 world premieres. Selected credits include: Artistic Director (2014 - Present), Artistic Producer (2009 – 2014), Artistic Associate (2001-2009), directing: *Bedtime Stories and Other Horrifying Tales* (2020); *The Fool of Cavan: A Christmas Caper*, *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 directed plays across Canada and the US. Her play *A Daughter* had its world premiere in 2020 as a part of the Open Spaces Theatre Festival and has been selected to be a part of the International Rural Women's Studies Conference, hosted by University of Guelph in 2021.

Attached Photos:

1. Kim Blackwell
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