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### **Festival Players Countdown to Opening**

**Prince Edward County, ON (May 14, 2010):** With just over a month to go to opening night of the season, the countdown begins. The public gets their first crack at single ticket sales starting at 10 a.m. on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> at Books & Company, 289 Main Street in Picton.

“Books & Company has been supporting Festival Players since its inception and we’re grateful that we are, once again, taking up residence in their lovely space. They’re a go-to spot for arts and culture in the County. It’s great to be a part of that atmosphere. They’ve hosted our Playwrights Reading Series for the past couple of years and people always remark on the space upstairs, and the store, and the café. We’re lucky to have this kind of venue, and these kinds of supporters, right here in Picton,” says Artistic Director Sarah Phillips.

New this season, theatre-goers are not only going to be able to purchase tickets in person, via phone and by email but a new online purchasing system is going to make it easier than ever for people to get tickets to the shows they want! The ticketing site, [www.countytix.ca](http://www.countytix.ca) will be live on May 21<sup>st</sup> and Festival Players shows will be the first events for sale. Other events in the community will be sold via countytix as well starting this summer. Contact [boxoffice@festivalplayers.ca](mailto:boxoffice@festivalplayers.ca) if you’d like to know more about this service.

The 2010 season runs from June 29 – Aug 28 and the first show of the season is the classic Canadian comedy-thriller, *I’ll Be Back Before Midnight* by Peter Colley. This show is a hoot, and will scare the pants off you! The show plays at Mt. Tabor Playhouse in Milford. Next up is *Tempting Providence* by Robert Chafe playing at Fields on West Lake. Presented in partnership with Theatre Newfoundland Labrador, it’s a heart-warming tale of a young British nurse arriving on the shores of Newfoundland in 1921. Chafe expertly captures the nuances of the people and the place and this production is an exercise in elegance and simplicity, taking the audience along on a memorable journey. The final show of the season, playing under a grand tent at the Waring House in Picton, is the new musical *Amelia: The Girl Who Wants to Fly* by John Gray. The play charts the rise and tragic fall of Amelia Earhart, iconic aviatrix and celebrity. As audiences have come to expect, these shows will be expertly executed, starring actors and musicians coming to us from the national and international stage.

There are many ways to add to the fun with Festival Players. Check out their website at [www.festivalplayers.ca](http://www.festivalplayers.ca) for information about bringing your group to a show, taking

advantage of pre-show menus at various local restaurants, enjoying an accommodation package at a local establishment and much more.

**Box office opens 10am, Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
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