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## A PLEASANT LATE SPRING AFTERNOON WITH FESTIVAL PLAYERS

**Prince Edward County, ON, (May 22, 2009):** The second installment of Festival Players' Playwrights Reading Series goes forward on Sunday, June 7 at 2pm at Books and Company in Picton. Join them for some good old-fashioned tea and biscuits and a chat with Leanna Brodie, author of their season's second show, *Schoolhouse*. Leanna will read from the play, share stories about researching and creating pieces based on rural Ontario history, and talk a bit about *For Home and Country*, her play about this province's Women's Institutes. A question and answer period will follow. It's a lovely way to spend some time on a Sunday afternoon.

Ms. Brodie is an actor and a playwright and *Schoolhouse*, which premiered at the Blyth Festival, ran for two very successful seasons at the 4th Line Theatre near Peterborough. The Festival Players show, fully staged with a cast of professional and local amateur actors, runs July 22nd – August 8th outdoors at Macaulay House in Picton.

*Schoolhouse* tells the story of Miss Linton, a fresh, young schoolteacher, just out of college in 1938. She is facing her first class of students, and a big heap of challenges in a one-room schoolhouse in small-town Ontario. When a "training school boy" appears in their midst, she is faced with her biggest challenge yet. By turns hilarious and heart-warming, this play is a delight for all ages and highly suited to families wishing to expose their children to "grown-up" theatre.

The last event in the reading series takes place Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> when *Colours in the Storm* writer Jim Betts will regale with tales of his trajectory through decades of Canadian theatre.

Admission to the Playwrights Reading Series is free. Light refreshments available.

For more information: 613.399.5677 or [www.festivalplayers.ca](http://www.festivalplayers.ca)

**Playwrights Reading Series Sunday June 7th at 2pm  
With *Schoolhouse* playwright Leanna Brodie  
Upstairs at Books & Company, 289 Main Street, Picton**

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