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FESTIVAL PLAYERS AUDITIONING LOCAL ACTORS OF ALL AGES (AND PIGS TOO)

Prince Edward County, ON, (March 16, 2009): Got some aspiring thespians at home? Or maybe you'd like to take a shot at landing a role playing alongside seasoned professionals? Festival Players of Prince Edward County wants to meet you. Local auditions for *Schoolhouse* take place on April 11th, 2009, 12 – 6 pm.

Schoolhouse by Leanna Brodie premiered at the Blyth Festival and ran last year at 4th Line Theatre in Millbrook. It's the story of a young schoolmistress who meets her first class of students in a one-room schoolhouse in small-town 1930s Ontario. It's a charming play, very funny and appropriate for all ages.

Festival Players will mount *Schoolhouse* July 22 – August 8, 2009 running Wednesdays to Saturdays at 6:30pm (with 2pm matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays as well). Adult actors will be expected to attend daytime rehearsals (weekdays and/or weekends depending on their roles) beginning around June 29th. School age actors will rehearse on a couple of weekend days before school ends and will begin rehearsing in earnest once school has finished for the year.

Artistic Director Sarah Phillips encourages anyone with an interest in theatre to take a chance and audition. "There are LOTS of roles available – for kids and adults alike. Though the kids spend quite a bit of time onstage, the adult roles are relatively small in terms of stage time. We haven't really had the opportunity to work in a flexible rehearsal schedule like this until now, where people are not required full-time." Phillips also highlights the rare opportunity for local aspiring actors, "They'll get to play alongside a cast of professionals, have a grand old time in a lovely show playing outdoors at Macaulay House in Picton. Oh yes — and there's a pig in the show. If anyone has a pig."

Festival Players is making the audition process as simple as possible to encourage everyone to try out. Actors can prepare a monologue if they like and will be asked to read at the audition and work a bit in small groups. To book an audition time, email info@festivalplayers.ca with "Schoolhouse Audition — and your name" in the subject line. Please include your name, age, and any time restrictions you may have on April 11th. Any questions about the audition process or the run of the show should be directed to Sarah Phillips at 613.399.5677.

And if you know of an aspiring thespian pig, they'd really love to hear from you!

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