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4th Line Theatre's New Play Competition A call for story ideas for new plays

Millbrook, ON – 4th Line Theatre is now accepting submissions for its 2012 biennial New Play Competition. “Our goal is to succeed not only as a producer of plays, but as a grower of new work,” says Artistic Director Robert Winslow. “We have always thought of our plays as our crops. The New Play Competition allows us to plant the seeds for later harvest.”

The entry level for new projects is referred to as ‘seeding.’ Every two years playwrights who have had at least one full-length professionally produced play are invited to submit story ideas, draft treatments or draft scenes of a proposed play project for seed funding. Seeding is phase one of the theatre’s five-phase New Play Development Competition program. Successful projects may be eligible for commissioning.

Submissions should reflect 4th Line Theatre’s mandate and mission: to preserve and promote our Canadian cultural heritage through the development and presentation of regionally-based, environmentally-staged, historical dramas and to develop and present original Canadian works of the highest quality which explore regional themes, history and heritage.

This is the company’s fourth biennial competition. The previous winners include Charles Hayter (2010’s *Eldorado Town – The Port Hope Play*), Shirley Barrie (2007’s *Beautiful Lady Tell Me...* and 2012’s upcoming production of *Queen Marie*), Sky Gilbert (2012’s upcoming production of *St. Francis of Millbrook*) and Judith Thompson’s upcoming untitled play.

4th Line Theatre, Canada’s premiere outdoor theatre company, has made its mark on Canada’s theatre industry as a producer, promoter, and creator of new work with relevant local regional themes. Located on the 5th generation Winslow Farm in Millbrook, Ontario, the theatre attracts thousands of theatre-goers every summer to its picturesque barnyard stage.

For further information regarding the New Play Competition and 4th Line Theatre’s New Play Development Program contact Tara Lember at 705-932-4505. Send applications to submissions@4thlinetheatre.on.ca or by fax to 705-932-3347 or by mail to P.O. Box 403, 4 Tupper Street, Millbrook ON, L0A 1G0. All submissions should include the artist’s curriculum vitae, a project description and two samples of previous work.

The closing date for submissions is April 20, 2012. Submissions will be reviewed by 4th Line Theatre’s Artistic Director and Artistic Producer. Winners will be announced in May 2012.

Attached Photos:

1. **4th Line Theatre - Alison Jutzi & Robert Winslow in a scene from 2007's *Beautiful Lady Tell Me ...* by Shirley Barrie photo by Wayne Eardley**

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