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Introduction: by Paul Brown

We hope that you are enjoying this strange summer weather: warm, sunny daytime followed by an evening of heavy rain or hail, coupled with thunder and lightning. It has been, in fact, the wettest July since 1927, and that is almost ninety years. But – you must admit it is better than snow and -30°C temperatures!

Since the last Newsletter there have been a few changes in our upcoming productions.

“Investment in Murder” has been cast with a great team and is now in rehearsals. The production will be in September this year. In March, 2017, we are planning to have a co-production with Workshop Theatre of Norm Foster’s hilarious comedy *“Office Hours”*. In September, 2017, we have scheduled the radio play *“Shackleton”*. More details below for all three plays.

Our Fall, 2016 production:

Our next production will be *“Investment in Murder”* written and directed by Alan LeBoeuf. This is an intelligent and exciting murder mystery which will keep you guessing until the very end. The play will be performed at The Pumphouse Theatres’ small venue, the Joyce Theatre.

A brief synopsis:

Investing is a dangerous game and above all you should know who you are investing with. Profits can disappear in the blink of an eye, but then again so can dead bodies. In this thriller, set in the Nevada mansion of one of the world’s elite, Leslie Gershon, some people are not who they seem to be. And some of these people would do anything to make a big profit. Anything, including murder. One problem might be finding the dead body. An even bigger problem might be finding out just why the murder took place...if indeed, it did.

Performance dates are as follows:

- Friday, September 9th 2016
- Saturday, September 10th 2016
- Wednesday, September 14th 2016
- Thursday, September 15th 2016
- Friday, September 16th 2106
- Saturday, September 17th 2016

There will be matinées on both Saturdays. Evening shows start at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday matinées start at 2:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you at one of our performances.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission, and \$20 for seniors/students.

Matinées \$20 all admissions

For tickets:

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Photographs from a rehearsal of “*Investment in Murder*”



Jamie Cunningham with Kathie Fraser



Jamie Cunningham with Gail Foulston

[Our Spring, 2017 production:](#)

In March, 2017, we will present a co-production with Workshop Theatre, of Norm Foster’s comedy “*Office Hours*”. The play takes place in six different city offices at approximately the same time on a Friday afternoon, and the stories that take place in each of these offices are cleverly intertwined.

Norm Foster is a Canadian playwright, considered to be Canada's most produced playwright.

He has had more than fifty plays produced on professional stages, including such well-known plays as *The Love List*, *The Long Weekend*; *Bedtime Stories*; *Kiss the Moon*, *Kiss the Sun*; *Storm Warning*; *Skin Flick*; *Outlaw*; *Hilda's Yard*; *On A First Name Basis*; *Old Love*; *Mending Fences* and *Here on the Flight Path*. Frequently compared to American playwright Neil Simon, Foster pens plays that are known for their humour, accessibility, and insight into the everyday tribulations of life.

Our Fall, 2017 production:

In September 2017 we will present ***“Shackleton”***, a radio play about the Antarctic Explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton. This is the story of one of the great heroic adventures of the 20th century. In 1914, Shackleton set out from London on his way to the frozen Antarctic. The plan was to trek across the continent, a journey of 1,800 miles. Unfortunately, the ship became stuck in the ice and the crew were forced to abandon ship and start a long on-ice journey for survival. This radio play will be accompanied by sound effects. Please set aside time in September, 2017 for this innovative theatrical delight.

MEMBERSHIP:

You can become a member of Confederation Theatre Society for just \$10 a year.

Call (587) 577 3669, to join our vibrant group of theatre-lovers!

******RAFFLE******

In conjunction with our Fall, 2016 production, we are running an exciting raffle.

The first prize is a weekend for two at a luxurious suite at the Blackstone Mountain Lodge in beautiful Canmore on Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th 2016. We will even throw in a bottle of high-class bubbly, too!

Second prize is a \$100 gift certificate for a local restaurant, and third prize is a \$60 gift certificate for Spolumbos Fine Foods and Deli.

Tickets are \$10 each, and there are only 240 tickets being sold, so your chances of winning are very good, in fact, much better than Lotto 649. The draw will be made at intermission of the final performance of ***“Investment in Murder”*** on Saturday, September 17th 2016. You don't have to be present for the draw at the theatre, as **winners will be notified by phone. Tickets will be sold at each performance of *Investment in Murder***. Alas, I, and the rest of the members of the Board are barred from entering this raffle.

To close, as in our past issues of our Newsletter, we give you some interesting quotes from the famous – and –the infamous -to enjoy:

- I think we agree, the past is over. - George W Bush
- Her virtue was that she said what she thought, her vice that, what she thought didn't amount to much. - Peter Ustinov
- The future will be better tomorrow. - Dan Quayle
- Men think about women. Women think about what men think about them. - Peter Ustinov
- I just want you to know that, when we talk about war, we're really talking about peace. - George W Bush
- We have a firm commitment to NATO, we are a "part" of NATO. We have a firm commitment to Europe. We are a "part" of Europe. - Dan Quayle
- A man will give up almost anything, except his suffering. - John Cleese
- The English may not like music, but they absolutely love the noise it makes. - Sir Thomas Beecham

And some great quotes from children:

An elementary school teacher gave her class the first half of well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the rest of the proverb.

Strike while the	bug is close.
Don't bite the hand that ...	looks dirty.
If you lie down with dogs, you'll ...	stink in the morning.
A penny saved is	not much.
Children should be seen and not ...	spanked or grounded.
A bird in the hand	is going to poop on you.
Don't change horses ...	until they stop running
