

## Fans can see more Foster in February



Fans of Norm Foster's comedies will be happy to know that *The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby*, written by the popular Canadian playwright, is coming to Shelburne next month. Norm Foster's play about a pompous investment banker stuck in a small town during its annual fishing derby will be produced by the Tipling Stage Company.

The Company, Shelburne's community theatre group, which first formed in 2008 and presents two plays per season, is hard at rehearsal for the 'rollicking' comedy.

When his car breaks down, an investment banker is invited to take part in the fishing derby, and according to the stage company, 'learns a lot more than just how to fish.' The production is scheduled to be performed on the Grace Tipling Stage located in the Shelburne Town Hall on Victoria Street on February 19, 20, 21, 26 and 27. The show is directed by long-time member and current President of the stage company, Jean Jardine Miller, who says it is 'wonderful to direct another Foster play.

'The play is so funny it is hard to stay objective and do what a director is suppose to do ... everyone is laughing while rehearsing.' What she says she really loves about Foster's plays is that they come with very little stage direction written in. 'It gives you the opportunity to really make it your own.'

Ms. Miller says the last two Foster plays produced by Tipling Stage Company have been very popular with audiences. 'Fans of Foster's have come to Shelburne from far out of town just to see his shows.'

The Foster comedies are 'good seat sellers,' she added, 'and that's what we need.'

*The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby* features local talent working in more than one capacity, as is so often true of community theatre players. 'There's lots to do in addition to rehearsing the play - props and costumes must be sourced and selected, lighting design and sound effects, music must all be assessed and re-assessed, and set construction must be scheduled,' the director said.

The cast includes Michelle Graham who plays Sienna, Darrick Rosborough portraying James Bell, Kelly McDowell as Rhonda Borkowski, Paul Welch as Kirk Douglas, and Sohayla Smith as Melanie Morningside.

Tickets for *The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby* will be available at the theatre door and are on sale at Holmes Appliances and Music Shop on Main Street Shelburne, Shelburne IDA and Shelburne Town Hall (519-925-2600,) as well as online at [www.tiplingstagecompany.com](http://www.tiplingstagecompany.com). Evening shows begin at 8:00 on February 19, 20, 26 and 27 with one matinee only February 21 at 2:00 p.m.

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