



FESTIVAL FOOTLIGHTS

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Behind the Scenes at St. Croix Festival Theatre

Four by Two

July 23rd – August 2nd

2:00 shows: July 23, 26, 30, August 2;

7:30 shows: July 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, August 1

This romantic comedy montage features two actors playing eight characters in four short plays. Starring Shawn Boyd and Jessica Balts.

In *Sure Thing* two people meet in a cafe' and find their way through a conversational minefield through if-only-I-had-another-chance false starts, gaffes, and faux pas on their way to falling in love. A *Universal Language* brings together a young woman with a stutter and an instructor of Unamunda, a wild comic language. In *Getting It Back*, a couple faces the age-old apples & oranges debate over who loves the other more! Sooner or later, every couple wrestles with their personal and wicked ritual of deciding where to find *Something to Eat*. This hilarious comedy is certain to strike home.



Tickets are easy to reserve by calling the Box Office or visiting www.festivaltheatre.org. Email is also a good way to communicate with us: boxoffice@festivaltheatre.org.



Sylvia

August 13th - 23rd

2:00 shows: August 13, 16, 20, 23

7:30 shows: August 13, 14, 15, 20, 22

Festival Theatre is proud to present A.R. Gurney's comedy *Sylvia*, starring James L. Walker and Marilyn Mays as the contently married Greg and Kate, and

Jaclyn Johnson as the lovable canine Sylvia. Audiences will enjoy the entangling love relationships between our trio of veteran actors, as well as the questionable wisdom of the three supporting characters, all played hilariously by Shawn Boyd.

James L. Walker is directing as well as acting in this production, and recently shared his insight into Greg, middle-aged and deep in mid-life crisis, who brings home the stray Sylvia, knowing that his wife may not give her a warm welcome. He recognizes that Sylvia has "...struck a chord in him. The easy path would be to say goodbye to Sylvia and ignore that inner resonance, but he has the fortitude to embark on the more difficult path to see what discoveries he can make. He has a quiet sort of strength."

Bring a friend, sit back and relax in the historic Auditorium, and allow Sylvia to steal your heart. Call 715-483-3387/888-887-6002.

~ Annual Riverboat Fundraising Cruise ~

The Taylors Falls Princess will feel a little like the Mississippi Queen on Thursday, August 6th. That evening, Festival Theatre supporters will board for the Annual Riverboat Fundraising Cruise which is open to the general public. Sponsored by Wild Mountain's Scenic Boat Cruise, The Copy Shop, and Eagle Valley Bank, the Riverboat Cruise provides patrons of the arts with the opportunity to support the efforts of Festival Theatre in keeping professional theatre alive and well in the upper St. Croix River Valley. A limited number of tickets are available for this gala social event with boarding at 6:30 p.m. and departure at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each for the Scenic Boat Cruise, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, and delectable desserts. The spirit of riverboat gambling will be present for entertainment only. Auction and raffle items include mini-vacation packages to regional theatre destinations. Fundraising efforts support the Theatre Series of Festival Theatre, now in its twentieth season. For tickets to the Fundraising Cruise, call 888-887-6002 or 715-483-3387.

Festival Arts

Great Things through Festival Arts

• **Creativity Camp** is an environmentally-themed day camp for youth ages 5-12. Register now for upcoming camps in **St. Croix Falls** (July 27-31), **Clear Lake** (Aug. 10-14) and **Chisago Lakes** (Aug. 17-21) More information is available at www.festivaltheatre.org.



• The National Endowment for the Arts brings us **The Big Read**, returning to the St. Croix River Valley February 2010! This time, we'll celebrate the literature and drama of Thornton Wilder, *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* and *Our Town*. See the first of many exciting Big Read opportunities below!

• Announcing the **"Capture Our Town"** Photojournalism Project, open to professional, amateur and youth photographers. Take advantage of a free Photojournalism Workshop on Saturday, August 29, instructed by Jerry Boucher. For more information or to register, contact Amy Klein at the Box Office (483-3387) or groups@festivaltheatre.org.

• **Youth and Family Theatre** breezes begin to blow this fall with *The Wind and the Willows*. Performances are September 10-19. Reserve seats now by calling the Festival Theatre Box Office, 483-3387.

• **Oil Painting by Early 20th Century Style**
Gloria Adrian, Teaching Artist
 16 to Adult (Gloria Adrian welcomes beginners and experienced painters.)
 Tuesday evenings, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
 Gallery 135, St. Croix Falls

We will discuss composition, light source, cast shadows, color harmony, cool and warm colors, and positive and negative space employed by medium of oil painting. Each session will feature a different style of painting from the turn of century period (1860-1925) including Impressionism (Monet and Van Gogh), Art Nouveau (Klimt), Fauvism (Matisse), Cubism (Picasso), and Expressionism (Munch).

- I. October 6 - November 3, 2009
- II. November 10 - December 15, 2009
- III. January 5 - February 2, 2010
- IV. February 9 - March 9, 2010
- V. March 16 - April 13, 2010

Fee for one 5-week session: \$ 75 plus supplies
 Register for all sessions: \$325 plus supplies

Register through the Box Office: 888-887-6002
 or boxoffice@festivaltheatre.org.

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Please join the list! Make a donation to Festival Arts & support arts education programs for all ages. Pledges can be paid all at once or you can be billed quarterly or monthly. Call Marilyn or Danette for more info.

SHAWN COLVIN

Friday, August 21st – 8:30 pm

Grammy-Award winning singer-songwriter Shawn Colvin will perform at St. Croix Festival Theatre on Friday, August 21st. The Special Event concert will begin at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$55 per seat.

“We’re very pleased to be presenting Shawn Colvin,” said Danette Olsen, Festival Theatre’s director. “Festival’s season ticket holders had the first opportunity to purchase tickets in the front five rows and now



we’ve opened ticket sales to the general public. We have about 100 great seats available since the back row is only 70 feet from the stage! This is sure to be a stellar concert event.”

For more information or tickets call the Festival Theatre box office at 715-483-3387 or 888-887-6002.

**Arrive early for Music on the Overlook
with Gene LaFond at 7:00 p.m.!**

AutumnFest Weekend

Alice Peacock

Saturday, September 26th, 7:30 pm

“Becoming a songwriter was a matter of necessity,” says Alice Peacock. “It’s how I communicate. It’s how I give what I have to give.” You may hear the inspiration of Joni Mitchell or Carole King in Peacock’s voice, but those powerful and personal lyrics offer up a uniqueness growing stronger every year. Alice’s necessity is certainly a gift to us all.



Music Series/Flex Pass

\$25 reserved / \$30 at the door

Special Event!

Prudence Johnson

with Dan Chouinard

Sunday, September 27th, 2:00 pm

The Golden Age of Radio

As part of the Minnesota History Center’s Greatest Generation Exhibit, Prudence & Dan are on tour with a show that evokes the golden age of radio!



Join us for their interpretations of classic standards of the 30’s & 40’s.

Adults \$23 reserved / \$25 at the door

Students \$16 reserved / \$18 at the door

Date Night: Dinner and a Show!

Area restaurants have so much to offer when we partner with them for a special night out. Delicious menu choices and high quality entertainment are the norm. Menus and prices can be found on our website. Call the Box Office today for your reservations!



- *Friday, August 14th*
Grecco’s on the St. Croix, St. Croix Falls – *Sylvia*
- *Friday, October 2nd*
Tangled Up in Blue, Taylors Falls – *Deathtrap*
- *Saturday, October 17th*
Trap Rock Inn, Dresser – *Deathtrap*
- *Saturday, November 7th*
Indian Creek Orchards Winery & Grille, SCF -
Sidewalk Cafe’ in Concert - Jazz Trio



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REMINDER - Make your reservation now for our Annual Riverboat Fundraising Cruise, Thursday, August 6th



Donations to our 2nd Annual Costume Sale are now being accepted. Sale is AutumnFest Weekend, Sept. 26th-27th



Buy your tickets online by visiting www.festivaltheatre.org

EVENTS CALENDAR

Four by Two

July 23rd - August 2nd

Riverboat Sunset Cruise

Thursday, August 6th

Underneath the Lintel

Return Performances!

August 8th & 9th

Sylvia

August 13th - 23rd

Special Event: Shawn Colvin

Friday, August 21st

The Wind in the Willows

September 10th - 19th

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Saturday, September 26th

Prudence Johnson

Sunday, September 27th

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