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A big thank you to Meaford Rotary!

The Meaford Rotary Club presented the Grey-Bruce Arts Collective with a cheque for \$2000 to help fund "From The Page to the Stage: A Youth Playwriting Contest."

"The Page to the Stage: Youth Playwriting Contest" is open to all youth ages 13 to 18 who reside in Bruce and Grey Counties. Applicants may submit an example of their writing and a cover letter describing their story idea to the Grey-Bruce Arts Collective. Deadline for applications has been extended to July 15. The winner of the contest will spend the summer writing their play with the support of industry professionals who will offer guidance to this budding playwright. The final draft will be workshopped and read by professional actors as part of the 100 Mile Playwright Festival. Youth interested in submitting an entry should contact The Grey-Bruce Arts Collective at greybruceartscollective@gmail.com for more information

"It is an exciting time in Meaford, especially for the arts" says Roger Shank, Artistic Director. "We have partnered with the Beautiful Joe Heritage Society to present this innovative theatre festival and we are very excited that Meaford Rotary is enabling us to extend this experience to the creative youth in the area."

The 100 Mile Playwright Festival will be presented October 2 and 3 at Meaford Hall. Over two days we will perform public readings of three local, original plays: An Adaptation of Beautiful Joe by Dora award winning playwright Michael O'Brien; The Tank Range Project by local resident Roger Shank and Jamie Robinson and the winner of the youth playwriting contest. The 100 Mile Playwright Festival is made possible through generous funding from The Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, the Municipality of Meaford, Gardhouse Financial, Smith Tire and Auto and Ardiel Animal Hospital.

Tickets for the event will go on sale later this summer. Please stay tuned for more information.

For more information about the project, please visit our website, www.greybruceartscollective.com or email greybruceartscollective@gmail.com or call 519-538-4903



In the photo (L to R): Evelyn Dean, Chair of The Beautiful Joe Heritage Society; Jamie Robinson, Roger Shank, Artistic Directors Grey-Bruce Arts Collective and Pam Poetker, Meaford Rotary Club. Photo taken at Beautiful Joe Park, Meaford. Photo Credit: Steven Hawkins.