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FESTIVAL PLAYERS HOSTS AWARD-WINNING PLAY FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

Prince Edward County, ON, (June 8, 2010): *Tempting Providence* wins awards wherever it goes and it's sure to win the hearts of audiences in Prince Edward County. The show, written by Newfoundland playwright Robert Chafe, has been touring since it first hit the stage in 2002. For one week only, from Monday July 26th to Friday July 30th, local theatre goers will be treated to a remarkable experience. The show opens on **Monday July 26th at 8pm, Fields on West Lake, Bloomfield.**

Robert Chafe and director Jillian Keiley collaborated to create a magical and imaginative piece based on the life of one of Newfoundland's most beloved nurses. Myra Bennett came to Newfoundland from England in 1921 when she heard of the need for her services. She found an isolated community, no roads, no electricity, no doctors for miles. She set bones, pulled teeth, delivered babies...whatever was needed. Ms. Bennett singed on for a year and stayed her whole life. She was known as the "Florence Nightengale of the North" and has received numerous awards from both Canada and her native Britain. *Tempting Providence* is an elegant tribute to a remarkable woman, full of humour and heart.

"We're lucky to have them here. They've toured all over Canada, the UK, and into the US. Having them right here in Prince Edward County is a coup. I hope people take advantage of the opportunity. It's an inspiring story and a beautiful production," says Artistic Director Sarah Phillips. "The show has won awards worldwide. It's a masterpiece."

Getting into the spirit of all things Newfoundland, East & Main Bistro in Wellington is hosting "A Scoff & a Yarn" (A NFLD-themed, three course, pre-show dinner) on Wednesday July 28 and Thursday July 29. Reservations for the 5:30 sitting are recommended in order to have plenty of time before the 8pm show. Those interested in adding this taste of Newfoundland culture to their evening are asked to call 613.399.5420 to reserve a table. From the Farm cooking school is sponsoring this dinner event and applauds the local farmers and producers who've helped to make these meals possible. A portion of the dinner sales from that night will be donated to Festival Players.

Tempting Providence plays from July 26 – July 30 only at Fields on West Lake, 15786 Loyalist Parkway, Bloomfield. Check the website for schedule and details, www.festivalplayers.ca. Tickets can be purchased in person at Books & Company, 289 Main St, Picton, by phone at 613.471.1991 or online at www.countytix.ca. Seating is limited so it's best to purchase in advance.

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