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# Festival play has something for everyone

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A near capacity crowd was moved to generous applause, hilarious laughter and the occasional shriek of terror for the opening night of "I'll Be Back Before Midnight."

This performance at the Mount Tabor Playhouse signalled a solid start to the summer festival's 2010 season, one of three shows, all highly rated and drawing much advance interest.

Written by Canadian master playwright Peter Colley, this murder mystery-comedy has been dubbed by theatre experts as the most performed and most popular Canadian play ever. It has been performed and well-received all across Canada, the United States and in total, some 27 countries around the world.

With dark lighting, lethal weapons, horrifying spectres and shocking surprises, not to mention three slayings on stage, it is indeed a murder mystery. One surprise is there is not a police investigator on the scene throughout the entire show. But with pratfalls, a comedic rustic character and deucedly clever lines, it brings more than its fair share of laughter.

The script itself almost sells this Canadian classic, but the Festival Players of Prince Edward County version, which runs through July 24, enhances the script with star quality performances by four seasoned and extremely talented actors.

John Cleland, whose lengthy professional stage background includes three seasons at the Shaw Festival, plays Greg Sanderson, a hapless husband and rockhound, who brings his wife, to a remote rented farmhouse, allegedly to help her recover after several years in a mental institution.

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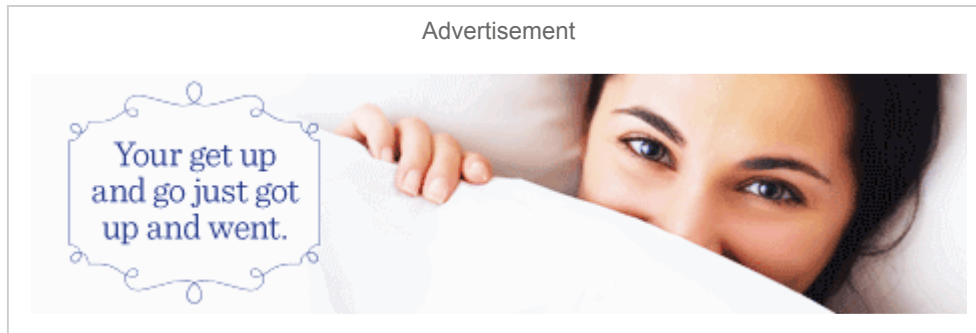
Sherri McFarlane, another Canadian talent whose 25 years stage experience includes seven seasons at The Shaw, plays his wife, Jan. This is a demanding role. She must switch frequently from a woman determined to resume a normal life to throwbacks to her continuing instability, caused by the remote location plus the horror of what unfolds.

Tracey Ferencz plays Laura Sanderson, Greg's sister, with strong overtones of an incestuous relationship and a bitter rivalry between the two women. Her accomplished background includes 10 seasons at The Shaw and other Canadian theatre companies.

Making the most of the comedic potential for his rustic role as a nearby farmer is John Dolan as George Willowby. A theatre educator, Dolan also claims nine seasons at the Stratford festival.

As artistic director for the county festival, Sarah Phillips proves she is also an accomplished do-it-yourselfer, as she directed this opening show herself, and with audience-pleasing results.

Seating in Mount Tabor is comfy but limited, so advance purchases are advised, although there is no reserve seating.



The other two plays this season for the Festival Players are "Tempting Providence," about an English woman who makes her life as a nurse in a remote Newfoundland outpost, and "Amelia: The Girl Who Wants to Fly," an original musical based on Amelia Earhart. Venues for the two shows will be Fields at West Lake and the Waring House Conference Centre respectively.

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