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FESTIVAL PLAYERS LOOKING FOR SOME ADULT ACTORS (AND STILL LOOKING FOR A PIG TOO)

Prince Edward County, ON, (March 30, 2009): The response to the call for aspiring young local actors has seen a rush of replies but Festival Players is still on the hunt for some slightly older folks. There are some older 'kids' roles – to be played by actors in their late teens and early twenties as well as some roles for adults, both men and women, that still need to be filled. Auditions for *Schoolhouse* take place in Picton on April 11th, 2009 from 12 – 6 pm.

Schoolhouse by Leanna Brodie premiered at the Blyth Festival. It's the story of a young schoolmistress who meets her first class of students in a one-room schoolhouse in small-town 1930s Ontario. It's a charming play, very funny and appropriate for all ages.

Festival Players will mount *Schoolhouse* July 22 – August 8, 2009 at Macaulay House, running Wednesdays to Saturdays at 6:30pm (with 2pm matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays as well).

Artistic Director Sarah Phillips encourages anyone with an interest in theatre to come out and audition. "It's very exciting that there are so many kids keen to try out. Now we need to see if some of our experienced local performers want to take the stage as well. And for those who've only ever dreamed but never dared – this would be a good time to take the chance. They'll be in good hands. We haven't really had the opportunity to work in a flexible rehearsal schedule like this until now, where people are not required full-time. It expands the options for people. What an experience it'll be!"

To book an audition time, email info@festivalplayers.ca with "Schoolhouse Audition — and your name" in the subject line. Please include your name, age, and any time restrictions you may have on April 11th. Any questions about the audition process or the run of the show should be directed to Sarah Phillips at 613.399.5677.

And if you know of an aspiring thespian pig, they'd really love to hear from you!

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