



Sprouts

New Play Festival for Kids 2014

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Make a Play Date!

Theatre Springs to Life at Sprouts New Play Festival for Kids.

Concrete Theatre's, Sprouts New Play Festival for Kids celebrates **13 years** of cultivating new plays for children and families. The Festival takes place Saturday, **June 14** and Sunday, **June 15** at the **Stanley A. Milner Library Theatre**, (7 Sir Winston Churchill Square). The **Sprouts New Play Festival for Kids** is a weekend of family fun where children have an opportunity to experience the creation of new live theatre in an imaginative, informal and creative atmosphere.

This year, our crop includes three brand new short plays *Little Eagle* by **Natasha Deen**, *Weesageechak Loses his Bum*, by **Kenneth T. Williams & Burlap, *Prince of Trolls* by **Cat Walsh**. Concrete Theatre presents each play as a staged reading with lively performance directed by **Tracy Carroll** and dramaturgy by **Caroline Howarth**. **Sprouts** provides **American Sign Language (ASL)** interpretation throughout the Festival.**

Kid-friendly events throughout the weekend include **face-painting**, **story-telling with Young Alberta Books**, **Drum Stories with Bob Rasko** and **crafts with Zu-Ma Talent to Amuz**. Following the plays, children can write their thoughts in a special **Sprouts Art Garden Plot** and hang them on the **CommenTree** or interact with the playwrights.

Sprouts New Play Festival for Kids lobby activities begin at 1pm, with three 15-minute plays at 2pm, which include a 20 minute intermission. Tickets are \$5, available by cash at the door or at **TIX on the Square, 780-420-1757** or www.tixonthesquare.ca. Children under 3 years are admitted free. For more information, please contact **Concrete Theatre** at 780-439-3905 or www.concretetheatre.ca.



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For the last two decades, Concrete Theatre has been dedicated to bringing professional theatre artists together to create and present award-winning, relevant and challenging plays for young people. We believe that young people deserve to see brilliant theatre made just for them by people interested in the power of theatre as a tool to not only entertain, but to educate, impact and provoke positive change.

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