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## Theatre Springs to Life at Sprouts Festival of New Works

**Sprouts New Play Festival for Kids** springs to life for its 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row with a crop of **four brand new short plays for children**. Presented by Edmonton's **Concrete Theatre**, the live staged readings will take place **Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>** and on Father's Day, **Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>** at the **Stanley A. Milner Library Theatre** (7 Sir Winston Churchill Square).

Contributing to Sprouts new works is **Dave Horak**, local actor, director, and educator. Dave will debut his first theatre-for-young-audiences work *The Nonchalant Cow*, about a song-loving bovine and her rambunctious goat companion. Brazilian writer and journalist **Rita Espescht** will delight youngsters with her new work *They're Not Like You and Me*, in which a family of aliens from Mars experience a strange new place called Earth. *Ooga-Booga* by Edmonton theatre veteran **Conni Massing**, will keep you wondering what's really under Katey's bed. Rounding things off is an opera piece by Edmonton's own multi-talented **Dave Clarke** titled *Songs My Mother Never Sung Me*. Through music and sign language the story unfolds of a young hearing boy learning to communicate with his profoundly deaf mother.

Before the readings start, patrons are invited to arrive early and take in face-painting, story-telling, crafts or to grab a snack at the concession. Following the plays, children can write their thoughts on a special Sprouts Art Garden Plot or speak directly to the playwrights.

Lobby activities begin at 1pm, four fifteen minute plays begin at 2pm and include one 20 minute intermission. Tickets are available at **TIX on the Square: 420-1757** or by cash at the door. For pricing information or more details contact **Concrete Theatre** at 439-3905 or [www.concretetheatre.ca](http://www.concretetheatre.ca)