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Nexicom Presents 4th Line Theatre @ Home Monologue Series – *It's 4th Line Calling!*

Millbrook, ON ... 4th Line Theatre is continuing to respond to the need to provide entertainment for people to enjoy from home with a third series of free-of-charge artistic events. The new series, Nexicom Presents 4th Line Theatre @ Home Monologue Series—*It's 4th Line Calling!* is set to begin Monday, July 6th. Anyone who has access to a phone can participate! Actors will call individuals at an agreed upon date and time and deliver dramatic readings of monologue selections from 4th Line's play archives. Receiving a phone called monologue is absolutely free of charge and people can book multiple monologues.

4th Line is excited to work with renowned Canadian actors **Paul Braunstein, Tom McCamus, Chick Reid** and **Robert Winslow**, on the series of monologues, directed by Managing Artistic Director **Kim Blackwell**. The team of actors also includes Kim Blackwell, Maude Rose Craig, Lindy Finlan, Tom Keat, Sara Mountenay, Madison Sheward, and Riley Tutert. Selected monologues will span the theatre's 29-year-history of historical plays on regional themes, including monologues from Alex Poch-Goldin's *The Bad Luck Bank Robbers*, Ian McLachlan and Robert Winslow's *Doctor Barnardo's Children*, Judith Thompson's *Who Killed Snow White?*, Leanna Brodie's *Schoolhouse* and Robert Winslow's *The Cavan Blazers* to name a few.

"This will be an intimate and very personal artistic project," explains Blackwell. "In these separate times, the monologue series will allow 4th Line actors right into people's lives through their phones. And it seems absolutely appropriate that our local independent telephone company, Nexicom, is sponsoring this series."

To view a "monologue menu" of options, visit 4th Line Theatre's website at www.4thlinetheatre.on.ca/monologue-series or call the 4th Line Theatre Box Office at **705-932-4445** or **toll free at 800-814-0055** for more information and to book a date and time to receive your call from a 4th Line actor who will deliver a monologue just for you! The series will be available as of **Monday, July 6th and will run until August 28th** from Mondays through Fridays from 9 AM to 7 PM, so call now to book your spot. Individuals may book multiple monologues for more than one call, so feel free to browse the menu and pick from your favourites or get a little taste of 4th Line plays you have not seen before.

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BIOGRAPHIES

Kim Blackwell, Managing Artistic Director; director/actor, Nexicom Presents 4th Line Theatre @ Home Monologue Series – *It's 4th Line Calling!*

Kim is a veteran 4th Line director/producer – 2020 marks her 26th season with 4th Line Theatre where she has directed 24 productions including 12 world premieres. Selected credits include: Artistic Director (2014 - Present), Artistic Producer (2009 – 2014), Artistic Associate (2001-2009), directing: *The Fool of Cavan: A Christmas Caper* (2019), *Bloom: A Rock 'n' Roll Fable* (2019), *The Other: A Strange Christmas Tale* (2018), *The Shadow Walk of Millbrook* (2016, 2018), *Who Killed Snow White?* (2018), *The Hero of Hunter Street* (2016), *The Bad Luck Bank Robbers* (2015, 2016), *The Real McCoy* (2013), *Queen Marie, St. Francis of Millbrook* (2012), *The Berlin Blues* (2011), *The Right Road to Pontypool* (2009, 2010), *Schoolhouse* (2007, 2008), *The Art of Silent Killing*, *That Summer*, *Crow Hill*, *The Cavan Blazers*, *Attrition*, *Gimme That Prime Time Religion* and many development workshops. She was nominated for the John Hirsch Award for Directing Excellence in 2009 (Canada Council) and 2014 (Ontario Arts Council). Kim was inducted into Peterborough's Pathway of Fame in September 2016.

Paul Braunstein, Actor, Nexicom Presents 4th Line Theatre @ Home Monologue Series – *It's 4th Line Calling!*

Paul has been working as an actor for over twenty five years, his early years were spent predominantly in theatre working in over 40 productions with such companies as Tarragon Theatre, Theatre Passe Muraille, Young People's Theatre, Alberta Theatre Projects, The Belfry Theatre, The Blyth Festival, Caravan Farm Theatre, Video Cabaret, and Volcano Theatre. Paul starred in 4th Line Theatre's 2015 and 2016 productions of Alex Poch-Goldin's *The Bad Luck Bank Robbers* as lovable French-Canadian bank robber, J.C. Lalonde. More recently Paul has focused on film and television work and can be seen in CBC's "Burden of Truth" and "Baroness Von Sketch" in multiple roles, most memorably as Brian in the 'At the Cottage' sketch. Earlier this year Paul starred in "Jigsaw," part of the "Saw" franchise which spent almost a month as the number one movie in North America. Upcoming: DC superhero movie "Shazam," "Heavy" and "Martin's Hagge" written by Gordon Pinsent which was recently presented at the Canadian Film Festival. Paul can also be heard in lead roles in the upcoming Animated series' "Luna Around The World" and "Binky The Space Cat" as well as the role of Frank N. Stein in "Hotel Transylvania," and as the voice for TVO. Other credits include: "Black Mirror" directed by Jodie Foster, the award winning series "Fargo," "The Lizzie Borden Chronicles," "Saving Hope," "Haven," "The Thing" prequel, "Eddie The Sleepwalking Cannibal," "Less than Kind," "Rookie Blue," "Jesus Henry Christ," and "Train 48," to name a select few.

Chick Reid, Actor, Nexicom Presents 4th Line Theatre @ Home Monologue Series – *It's 4th Line Calling!*

Chick is entering her 44th year as a theatre professional. Her long and varied career includes thirteen seasons with the Stratford Festival, including *Tempest*, *Napoli Milionaria*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Beaux Stratagem*, *Grapes of Wrath*, *Little Years*, *Noises Off*, *No Exit*; four seasons at Theatre Plus Toronto, including *Saint Joan*, *Burn This*, *Abundance*, *Holiday*, *Crimes of the Heart*; six seasons at the Shaw Festival, including *Cavalcade*, *Back to Methuselah*, *The Women*, *Marathon 33*, *Peter Pan*, *War and Peace*, *The Madness of George III*, *Dracula*, *Getting Married* and *The Ladykillers*. Chick has also done extensive work across Canada and internationally, including Tarragon Theatre, Nightwood Theatre, Young People's Theatre, Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, Grand Theatre, Neptune Theatre, Theatre New

Brunswick, Sudbury Theatre Centre, Globe Theatre, Citadel Theatre, Westben Arts Festival Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Broadway. This season was to be her seventh season at the Shaw Festival, playing Ann Dudgeon in *Devil's Disciple* and Nanny Bull in *Sherlock Holmes: the Raven's Curse*. FILM/TELEVISION: most recently, "Fairfield Road," "Everything She Ever Wanted." TEACHING: fifteen years in the Dan School of Drama and Music at Queen's University. Chick was honoured to be the 2018 Recipient of CAEA's Life Membership Award for her contribution to the performing arts in Canada. She lives on a farm in Warkworth, Ontario with husband Tom McCamus which they share with their beloved Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers.

Tom McCamus, Actor, Nexicom Presents 4th Line Theatre @ Home Monologue Series – It's 4th Line Calling!

Tom McCamus has worked in Theatre, Film and Television across Canada. His work includes: Stratford Festival - 16 seasons - plays include - *Napoli Millionaria, Coriolanus, King John, Peter Pan, Timon of Athens, Richard III, Coriolanus, Waiting for Godot, Long Day's Journey into Night*. Shaw Festival - 10 seasons - plays include *Victory, Man and Superman, Saint Joan, The Madness of George III, Peter Pan, Holiday, Androcles and the Lion, The Skin of Our Teeth, Cyrano de Bergerac*. Toronto credits include - *The Winter's Tale, Measure for Measure, The Seagull, Divisadero, Thom Paine*. Film and TV: "Room," "Orphan Black," "The Sweet Hereafter," "Long Day's Journey into Night." AWARDS: Genie award for Best Actor, "I Love a Man in Uniform;" Gemini and Actra awards for Best Actor, "The Walter Gretzky Story."

Robert Winslow, Actor, Nexicom Presents 4th Line Theatre @ Home Monologue Series – It's 4th Line Calling!

As one of Canada's leading theatre artists, Robert Winslow has written or co-written 16 of the original plays that have been presented environmentally at the 4th Line Theatre since 1992 and has directed the majority of the productions and performed in several of them. An established theatre artist, he has been involved in theatre for 40 years as Playwright, Actor, Director and/or Artistic Director. Mr. Winslow has performed in theatres across Canada, the U.S. and Britain since 1982, including the Blyth Festival, Edmonton's Theatre Network, Northern Lights, Citadel Theatre, Catalyst, Nexus Theatre and the Fringe Festival. In 1988, he founded an improvisational theatre company, East City Productions, in Peterborough, Ontario and began directing and writing for the stage. His first full-length play, *The Cavan Blazers*, was staged as 4th Line Theatre's first production and later published by Ordinary Press. The production has been mounted six times and continually performs to capacity audiences. Additional writing credits include *Gimme That Prime Time Religion, Cavan Casanova, Two Rounds and a Square, Fair Play, The Bell of Batoche, The Orchard, Crow Hill: The Telephone Play, The Winslows of Derryvore, Doctor Barnardo's Children, The Last Green Hill, Welcome Death, Wounded Soldiers, The History of Drinking in Cavan and Carmel*, all for 4th Line.

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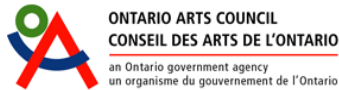
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