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THE SHOW MUST GO ON **FOR THE RED BARN THEATRE'S DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY SEASON**

Jackson's Point, Ontario –

On April 18, 2009, Canada's Longest Running Professional Summer Theatre became a pile of ashes as the historic Red Barn succumbed to a devastating fire.

The tributes continue to pour in from across Canada, recognizing The Red Barn Theatre's remarkable contribution to the arts in Canada and expressing a strong desire that our 2009 Season go ahead as planned. And so, in true theatrical fashion, we are doing just that.

With wonderful ideas and generous offers from around the Province, the Board of The Lake Simcoe Arts Foundation met to decide where our season would be held. In a unanimous decision, the Board chose to stay within our own wonderful community of Georgina and accepted the Town of Georgina's offer of the Stephen Leacock Theatre as our temporary home. The Board, and everyone at The Red Barn Theatre, express their deep appreciation and thanks to those organizations displaced from the Stephen Leacock Theatre during our temporary relocation.

So, celebrating six decades of showcasing dynamic theatre performed by top Canadian talent, **The Red Barn Theatre** is back for its 60th Anniversary Season, kicking off with *The Glass Menagerie* (June 18 to July 4), originally performed during the inaugural 1949 season at the theatre. Next up is the funny but profoundly emotional comedy, *The Melville Boys* (July 9 to 25). The end of July sees the arrival of the world's longest running musical, *The Fantasticks* (July 30 to August 15). Closing out the run is the hilarious comedy, *Harvest* (August 20 to September 5), the story of an old farming couple who rent out their farmhouse to a nice man, who then turns their family farm into something less than legitimate.

Subscriptions, Flexpaks and Single Tickets are on sale now! Call the Box Office at 905 722 3249, 1 888 733 2276 or visit www.redbarntheatre.ca for more information. The onsite box office opens May 11, 2009 at the Stephen Leacock Theatre, 130 Gwendolyn Blvd., Keswick.

The Lake Simcoe Arts Foundation is committed to keeping the spirit of The Red Barn Theatre alive and well in Jackson's Point during our temporary relocation to Keswick. Therefore, a series of events will take place on the Red Barn site this summer under a tent which has been generously donated by All Reasons Party Rentals. A Committee of dedicated supporters is being composed, drawing on our volunteers, Jackson's Point merchants, and local artists. Expect some great things happening in Jackson's Point this summer!

The Red Barn Theatre eagerly looks forward to opening the doors to its new home in the near future on the same ground that welcomed so many. Fundraising activities are already underway such as: the Marquee Theatre Productions offer to collect funds during their current production of *Anne of Green Gables* in Aurora, YRMG in association with Kingfest's 50's & 60's Dance on May 29th in Newmarket and, finally, our own Gala Fundraising at the Richmond Hill Centre For Performing Arts with Louise Pitre & John Alcorn in Concert on August 30th. Donations are also most welcome and can be mailed to The Red Barn Theatre, 991 Lake Drive E, Jackson's Point ON L0E 1N0.

Join us this season and pay tribute to The Red Barn's rich legacy. We need your support now more than ever.

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