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Manitoba Theatre For Young People’s “FROZEN RIVER” ends SAC concert season

The Steinbach Arts Council is excited to announce the addition of MTYP’s award-winning FROZEN RIVER to its concert season. Scheduled to perform at the Pat Porter Active Living Centre on Saturday, March 25, this play was created from stories gifted by Indigenous elders and knowledge keepers, and is perfect for families of all ages.

“When we were offered the opportunity to present this show, we couldn’t say no,” SAC Executive Director, David Klassen says. “It’s an opportunity to shine the light on reconciliation and connection, and to create openness and understanding through a professional touring theatre production. We want to teach empathy and compassion through the arts, and we think this is an important part of making that happen.”

FROZEN RIVER will be the final performance in the Steinbach Arts Council’s series, rounding out a strong concert season for the community.

“One of our goals has always been to provide exceptional family-friendly performances. This particular performance was created for students in grades 3-6, but it’s a perfect chance to experience this powerful message with the entire family. It’s educational, thought-provoking, moving, and it comes at an important time in our society. As we work for change, we know we need to find ways to present material like this, and we’re proud to be able to do this for our community,” says Klassen.

SAC is proud to partner with several contributors on this project, making it possible to present this performance to the entire community. Supporters include:

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“We are extremely lucky to be able to partner with many community members,” Klassen remarks. “What it shows us is that Truth and Reconciliation is a priority for people, and together, we can work towards healing.”

Frozen River

Co-written by Michael Washburn, Joelle Peters, and Carrie Costello

Directed by Katie German

Original Production Directed by Ann Hodes and Tracey Nepinak

Produced by Manitoba Theatre for Young People

Show Details:

Saturday, March 25, 4pm

Pat Porter Active Living Centre

Tickets on sale on Monday, March 6, 2023, \$15 at the door, or \$12 in advance.

**ticket special, purchase 4 or more tickets between March 2 – March 20 for \$10 ea.*

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