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IMPROV GROUP



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**January 26th and 27th, 2024**

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE



*Chris Brown*

I started this improv group with a very simple vision — find people to play with. I don't want to spend time talking about growth and development as we can all appreciate how time impacts everything. The most important note I have for this show is the wonderful impact that a sense of community has on a group. I think this group has thrived because it is being raised in an environment that believes in its cause and future. My vision of taking our improv group and combining it with a variety of talents only came to light because of the people that supported my vision and helped bring it to what you saw today.

I admire so many people you see on stage today. I admire their dedication to community theatre, I admire their skills and talents and their passion for performance. But the people you do not see on stage — it is in these people that we must put our sights upon as well. For if this performance is an arrow — destined for its mark, it is the crew that is the bow, with sturdy hand they take aim and shoot forth and allow this performance to soar.

Thank you for partaking in this vision. I know you enjoyed it! Here's to many performances to come.

To passion, love, and community,

Chris Brown

Director, Kenora Dinner Jackets



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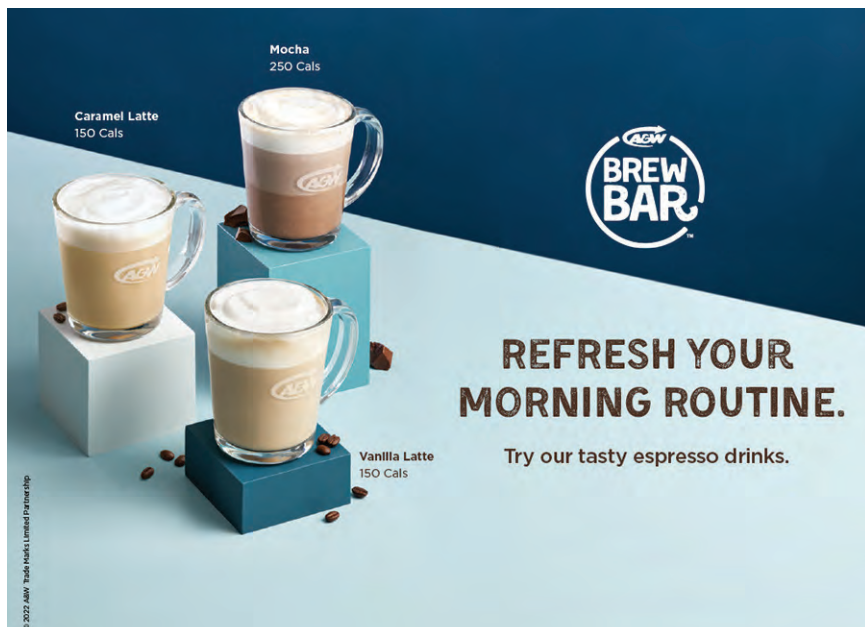
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## PROGRAM

Improv	Scenes from a Hat
Improv	Oscar Winning Moment
Variety	Count us in, Quinn!
Improv	FreezeFrame
Variety	DanceWorks Performers
Improv	Director's Choice
Variety	Michael Lyle
<b><i>Intermission (15 minutes)</i></b>	
Improv	Emotional Hitchhiker
Variety	Kenora's Dog Trick Trio
Improv	Scene in 10 Seconds
Variety	Jan Boutwell
Improv	Should Have Said
Variety	Malcolm Roulette aka Geronimo



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## IMPROV PERFORMERS



### **Jim Hando**

I started my acting career with The Rogue Apples Sketch Comedy troupe about 2004. In 2009 I auditioned with TryLight Theatre, got a part in *Hay Fever*, and went on to appear in several other TryLight Theatre plays. Since then I have joined the TryLight Theatre Set Elves helping to construct sets. Most recently I joined The Kenora Dinner Jackets Improv troupe, went out and purchased an official KDJ shirt, and now, unless I'm fired, I am one. Most recently I was one of the players in both of the Sept 2023 performances. I love Improv.



### **Matthew Schottroff**

I was born and raised in Kenora and became involved with TryLight when I volunteered for lights and sound with the production of *Annie* in 2021. Since then, I have been involved with behind-the-scenes tech for every regular season TryLight production. I joined the Board of Directors in 2022 and made the jump to performing on the TryLight stage with the Kenora Dinner Jackets Improv Group later that fall.



### **James Todd**

TryLight: *Irena's Vow, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, Wit, Frozen Dreams*

Other: Performances with Rogue Productions and Cambrian Theatre

Job: Teacher

Thanks: To my super supportive wife Kathleen

## VARIETY ACTS



### Jan Boutwell

I am no stranger to the TryLight Stage having acted most notably in *Fiddler on the Roof* (Tevya), *Godspell* (Jesus) and *South Pacific* (Emile). I love making music with family and friends and over the years I have done so with many folks and groups in Kenora, including Last Kick at the Cat, Rogojama, Bemused, The Boys of Noise (although I confess that they didn't know I called them that), Music Men, Celtic Strings, G-Clef Choir, The Rust Buckets, Kenora Strings, Saints and Singers, Jake N Jan N Jam, Spices of the Merchant, The Celtic Band MAC, PaJaMa Folk and First Baptist Church Worship Band.

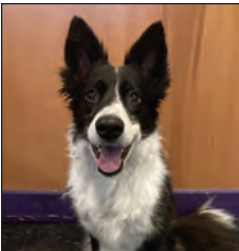


### Malcolm Roulette (Geronimo)

Geronimo is a hip-hop artist currently residing in Wabaseemoong, Ontario. His latest album *Reality* was released earlier this fall. His song 'I Still Prevail' placed 2nd for the Faith Nolan Award for Music, presented by Surrey Muse.

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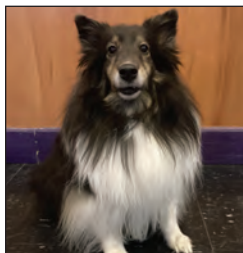
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### Kenora's Trick Dog Trio

Zip A Dee Doo Dah will celebrate her 12th birthday in May. Zip was adopted from Border Collie Rescue Ontario when she was six months old. Zip is an Agility Trial Champion of Canada, earned a rally title, participated in a skijor race and is a Trick Dog Grand Champion. Zip's Trylight debut was in the musical *Annie* as the dog Sandy.





**Mercedes** is a nine-year-old Shetland sheepdog. Mercedes has attended agility trials where she won several ribbons, earned a rally title and is a Trick Dog Expert. Mercedes became a certified therapy dog with Therapeutic Paws of Canada in August and enjoys spending time with residents of Pinecrest and Wiigwas.



**River** is the youngest of the group at two years of age and is a border collie mix. He enjoys attending agility, manners and trick classes. River has earned his Intermediate Trick Dog title and working on his advanced tricks. Rivers' favourite pastime is playing fetch and going on new adventures with his family.

All three dogs attend positive, family-friendly dog training classes with Absolutely Pawsitive in Kenora.



### **DanceWorks Kenora**

DanceWorks Kenora offers dance classes for ages 1.5 to 70+ in the styles of ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, and modern/contemporary. The dancers performing here are part of our Performance Ensemble, a program that provides additional training and performance opportunities for those that are passionate about dance and committed to their training.



#### **Isabella Everett - 'The Cat - Peter & the Wolf' - Character Ballet Solo.**

Isabella is 12 years old and is in her 9th year of dance at DanceWorks Kenora. She currently trains in ballet, pointe, tap, and contemporary.



#### **Alyah Lazreq - 'Trust in Me' - Tap Solo.**

Alyah is 11 years old and has been taking classes at DanceWorks Kenora for 8 years. She currently trains in ballet, pre-pointe, jazz, tap, and contemporary.



**Scarlett Perry - 'Country Gardens' - Ballet Solo.** Scarlett is 11 years old and is in her third year of training with DanceWorks Kenora after moving to Kenora with previous dance experience. She currently trains in ballet, pre-pointe, tap, and contemporary.



### **Count us in, Quinn!**

Henrik Akerlund and Andy Williams have been playing and writing music for many years, but not together. They met (one fateful day) two years ago in Kenora and found that their styles were in sync. Since then, they have begun writing folk rock music together. Behind the kit is Quinn Haines, a drum student of Andy; although he has played for many friends and family, this will be his first public show.



### **Michael Lyle - musician**

Michael previously sang with the Fifth Ave. Singers choral group and has been to a few Open Mic nights in Dryden and performed with Olivia Whiddon's Academy of Music here in Kenora. He took up the ukulele as it was such a portable instrument and the learning curve seemed to be a bit easier than guitar. Michael enjoys singing and playing music from virtually any of the last ten decades.

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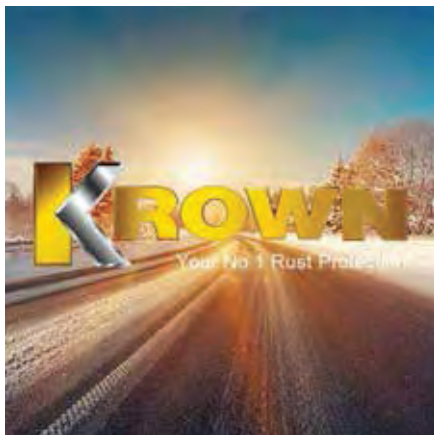
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This production has invited other acts to join in the fun, thus showcasing for all of us a range of talent within our city. We know that you will have a great night watching all the antics on the TryLight Stage. Thanks to actors and guests for putting on a great show!

Cheryl Kinney Matheson, Chair  
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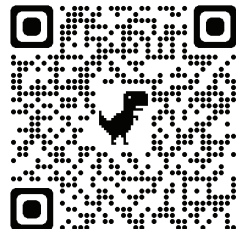
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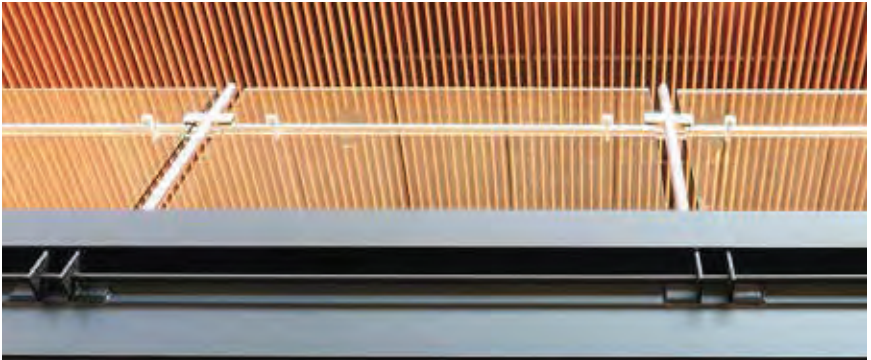
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