



## Media Release

### ROMANCE, SHAKESPEARE AND SONG

**Prescott, February 9, 2009:**

Stuck for something to do on February 14<sup>th</sup>? Want to banish your winter blues? The St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival has exactly what you've been looking for: Tickets for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Dinner and Auction are now on sale.

The headline entertainment will be provided by Ottawa soprano Doreen Taylor-Claxton, alongside actors from the Festival. Also performing will be Artistic Director Ian Farthing, who is taking an evening off from appearing in the Toronto production of *The Sound of Music* to host the evening, which will take place at the Prescott Golf Club.

"It is a mark of the increasing influence of the festival that performers of the caliber of Ms. Taylor-Claxton are willing to come to Prescott to help support our cause," said Farthing, noting that the performer has won numerous awards for her singing both here and in Europe.

With both a silent and a live auction taking place, there will be plenty of fun opportunities for guests to help support the festival, too.

"Not only will guests be well fed and well entertained, they'll have the added pleasure of knowing proceeds are going to a good cause," said Sandra Lawn, chair of the festival board of directors, who explained the event is the festival's main annual fundraiser and who encouraged people to book soon: "We've already sold over 50 per cent of the tickets."

**WHAT:** St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Dinner and Auction

**WHERE:** Prescott Golf Club, 900 Boundary Street, Prescott

**WHEN:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Social hour at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 7 pm.

**HOW MUCH:** Tickets are \$60 each, with a \$25 tax receipt available upon request.

Tickets available from the Shakespeare Festival office, House of Flowers, Walker House, Young's of Prescott and House of Décor in Brockville.

The St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival's 2009 season featuring *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Measure for Measure* runs July 11 to August 15 at the Kinsmen Amphitheatre at Sandra S. Lawn Harbour in Prescott. The Festival also boasts the ever-popular Sunday Series and the Young Artists Training Program.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** 613-925-5788 or [www.stlawrenceshakespeare.ca](http://www.stlawrenceshakespeare.ca)