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CASH INJECTION HELPS FESTIVAL THROUGH 'DOWN' MONTHS

Prescott, March 4, 2009:

Love was in the air for the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival's main annual fundraiser, with more than \$8,000 raised at the Valentine Dinner and Auction held at the Prescott Golf Club.

The room was expertly decorated, entertainment interludes provided by artistic director Ian Farthing and friends hit the mark, and more than 100 donated items were auctioned off to many of the 133 people in the audience.

Another highlight was the buffet meal starting with spicy shrimp Caesar shooter, followed by main course selection of prime rib, seafood and vegetarian manicotti and salads, closing with rum gateau with candied walnuts.

"The event has been growing in popularity every year," said Sandra Lawn, chair of the Festival company's board of directors. We had a full house this time with a waiting list. We depend on the revenues from the Valentine dinner to help get us through the winter downtime."

Now embarking on its 7th season, the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Theatrical Company is a non-profit organization with charitable status. It's overseen by a volunteer board including Lawn, Beckstead, Alvin Bennett, Patty Dimopoulos, Sheila Fawcett, Tom Graham, Kate MacDonald, Martin O'Hanlon, David Timms and Tom Van Dusen.

The company's mission is to provide diverse audiences with an inspirational and accessible theatrical experience of the highest professional standard.

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.

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