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Shakespeare Festival brings in Christmas with a Swing

On Saturday November 26th, the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival will be presenting *Good Company*, a holiday concert filled with tunes from the likes of Gershwin, Duke Ellington and Cole Porter, with a few nods to the upcoming Christmas season.

Some of the hottest talent from the Toronto musical theatre scene will be on hand to entertain, including the recent star of *Jersey Boys*, Adrian Marchuk, Janet Martin (star of Toronto productions of *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera* in addition to performing with the Festival in 2011), Festival favourite Melissa Morris and Artistic Director Ian Farthing. Making a special guest appearance will be local star Matthew Lundvall.

At the keyboard will be Brockville native Aaron Eyre, with his first professional performance in the area since leaving high school. Since attending Brockville Collegiate Institute, Mr. Eyre has gone on to become a professional musical director with many theatre credits to his name. "I'm excited to be returning. I owe a lot to Brockville for giving me the training I needed. A lot of the teachers were instrumental in pushing me forward to a career in music."

Farthing said about the concert: "We felt that a fun evening would be the ideal way to usher in the holiday season. This will be a great opportunity to hear some fabulous music sung by some of the best in the business and we hope it will send our audience off into the mad rush of Christmas with an extra smile on their face and a swing in their step!"

For those who want to make their evening just that little bit more special, the Festival is offering a pre-show champagne reception at an historic Wisser home on the river.

GOOD COMPANY

Saturday November 26th at 7.30pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 425 Centre Street, Prescott, ON

Tickets \$25

Pre-show champagne reception \$15

Tickets and Info Available by calling 613 925 5788 or online at www.stlawrenceshakespeare.ca

The St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival's 10th anniversary season featuring *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Othello*, runs July 14th – August 18th at the Kinsmen Amphitheatre at the Sandra S. Lawn Harbour in Prescott. The Festival also boasts the ever-popular Sunday Series and a weeklong Young Artists Training Program.