



## Media Release

### Hollywood Comes to Prescott

Prescott, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009:

The St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival is well under way, with performances getting great reviews and strong attendance numbers in its first week.

As well as the two mainstage plays, this weekend sees two exciting additional events in the Festival's program.

On Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Prescott welcomes author Reva Stern and Hollywood screenwriter and director Sandor Stern for a **Tribute to Ruth Evanson**. Miss Evanson was a Prescott teacher with a passion for Shakespeare, influencing and inspiring generations of her students, many of whom will be joining us for this celebration. In addition to sharing their memories of Miss Evanson, our featured guests will be reading from their work and answering questions posed by Ottawa Sun reporter Tom Van Dusen.

Sandor Stern's writing credits include the movies *Amityville Horror* and *Fastbreak* and as a director he has worked on shows such as *Touched by an Angel*.

Reva Stern's career as a theatre and film director has seen her work with Keanu Reeves, Cybil Sheppard and Ron Silver. Now a novelist, *The Prescott Journals* has already been optioned for the screen and she will be signing copies of her latest novel, *The Water Buffalo That Shed Her Girdle*.

On Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, the Festival is proud to present a staged reading of a brand new comedy by renowned Canadian playwright John Lazarus. Adapted from Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, ***The Merry Wives of Prescott*** has been commissioned to help celebrate Prescott's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2010. Featuring actors from the Festival's mainstage shows, this reading offers audiences to get a sneak preview of what's in store for them next summer.

The St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival's 2009 season featuring ***The Taming of the Shrew*** and ***Measure for Measure*** runs July 11<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> 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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