

One-act plays on centre stage

Theatre. Local talents being showcased this weekend at the Pond Playhouse

The Pond Playhouse will play host to the Theatre Art Guild's (TAG) series of one-act plays to showcase the talents of local playwrights.

Called Playwrights TAG, the event was created last year by guild president Angela Butler, who wanted to give members a chance to show their writing to an audience.

"I'm not a writer but a lot of my friends are," Butler said in an interview Thursday.

Butler decided to create the event because of what she calls the lack of an outlet for the writers in the guild compared with actors and crew.

Last year they put on four 15- to 20-minute plays and she said it proved challenging.

"It was fun, but it was a lot of work," she said.



Playwright Ryan Van Horne is one of the writers whose talents will be on display at the Pond Playhouse. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

So this year, they selected three 30-minute plays. They are written and directed by J.L. Allen, Ryan Van Horne and Nick Jupp, who are long-time TAG members.

Allen's play is called Delusions of Grandeur and stars Nicole Moore and Mathew Darrah as a couple who visit

a marriage counsellor played by Rob McIntyre, who has some unusual methods to help his clients.

The play explores the ugly and less romantic aspects of relationships.

Van Horne's play, Butter-scotch Palace, depicts the real-life psychiatric hospital

in Cape Breton.

It tells the story of a woman who doesn't believe she belongs there and explores the issues of ethics and mental illness. It stars Valerie MacKenzie and Frank McLean as well as a newcomer to the festival, Wanda Baxter.

The final play is called

There Will be Fewer Acorns this Summer, and it tells the tale of the relationship between two sisters and how they cope with a tragedy that changes their life. Butler is performing in the play, as well as Tamara Smith, Mike Taylor and Callum MacLean.

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Entertainment

Actress reveals in latest role

Kylee Evans has had many great moments during her acting career.

The Stellarton native received a best leading actress (musical) nomination from the BroadwayWorld.com Toronto Awards for Legally Blonde the Musical, and she had a starring role as Shelly in Evil Dead: The Musical. As well, she's had parts in numerous TV shows.

But her latest role has been what she describes as one of the best. Evans plays Stephanie in Good Witch, which premiered recently on the Hallmark Channel in the United States. Part of the reason for that are her co-stars — Catherine Bell, Bailee Madison and James Denton.

"It's probably been the highlight of my career thus far," she said of working with Denton, a Desperate Housewives alum. "He's one of the most fantastic people I've ever met." **TRURO DAILY NEWS**



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