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THE MASTER PLAYWRIGHT

John Patrick Shanley is from the Bronx. He was thrown out of St. Helena's kindergarten and banned from St. Anthony's hot lunch program for life. He was expelled from Cardinal Spellman High School. He was placed on academic probation by New York University and instructed to appear before a tribunal if he wished to return. Then he went into the United States Marine Corps. He did fine. He's still doing okay.

FREE LECTURE SERIES

INTRODUCING SHANLEY

Tue Jan 30 7:00pm | The Good Will Social Club

Hosted by Royal MTC's Associate Artistic Director Krista Jackson, the ever-popular introductory lecture shines the spotlight on American playwright John Patrick Shanley. With a new play recently on stage in New York, Shanley is a busy writer whose credits include *Doubt*, *Savage in Limbo*, *Moonstruck* and *Alive*.

DISCOVERING SHANLEY: A DIRECTORS' PANEL

Sun, Feb 4 12:00pm | Tom Hendry Warehouse

Put four directors in the same room and great conversation is sure to follow. Enhance your festival experience with insights from Frances Koncan (Vault Projects), Brendan Carruthers (Tara Players), Ben Wiebe (Winnipeg Mennonite Theatre) and Sharon Bajer (The Keep Theatre).

TICKETS & PASSES

Tickets start at \$12 and are available by contacting each production.

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Show listings & ticket info: royalmtc.ca/mpf

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THE BIG FUNK (READING) **PAL/ACTRA**

Sun Feb 4 | Tickets \$15 (suggested donation to PAL)
The Big Funk shows us five zany characters whose stories approach farce. A benefit for PAL Winnipeg.

DANNY AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA **THE KEEP THEATRE**

Jan 31 – Feb 17 | Tickets start at \$15
Two dysfunctional yet beautiful misfits have a chance encounter in a dingy bar. An explosive, gritty, iconic play about personal alienation and the redemptive power of love.

DOUBT: A PARABLE **WINNIPEG MENNONITE THEATRE**

Feb 7 – 10 | Tickets start at \$15
Can anybody ever be completely sure about anything?

THE DREAMER EXAMINES HIS PILLOW **NAKED THEATRE PRODUCTIONS**

Feb 6 – 10 | Tickets \$15
A story about the quest for self-knowledge, and the brutal honesty that accompanies any such journey. Savagely funny and sad, but full of love.

FOUR DOGS AND A BONE **TENT POLE PRODUCTIONS**

Feb 15 – 18 | Tickets \$15
A producer, a writer and two actresses fight for creative control of a movie...and try to save their careers.

For detailed listings & event info, visit royalmtc.ca/mpf

JOE VERSUS THE VOLCANO **DOUBT (FILMS)** **WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Feb 5 & 12 – FREE
Joe Versus the Volcano: When a hypochondriac learns he's dying, he accepts an offer to throw himself into a volcano.
Doubt: In 1964, a popular priest's ambiguous relationship with a troubled 12-year-old black student is questioned.

ITALIAN AMERICAN RECONCILIATION **BROKEN RECORD PRODUCTIONS**

Feb 14 – 17 | Tickets \$15
In this dark comic heartfelt romance, gently humorous, inoffensive characters wrestle with past mistakes, intimacy and low self-esteem.

MOONSTRUCK (FILM) **DALNAVERT MUSEUM & VISITORS' CENTRE**

Sat Feb 10 – By donation
Loretta, 37 and widowed, accepts a marriage proposal from her boyfriend only to fall for his younger brother.

OUTSIDE MULLINGAR **ROYAL MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE**

Jan 31 – Feb 17 | Tickets start at \$22
Will feuding neighbours set aside their differences long enough to give love a chance? Shanley hits the sweet spot between comedy and tragedy with this Tony-nominated play.

PSYCHOPATHIA SEXUALIS **R-G PRODUCTIONS**

Feb 8 – 11 | Tickets start at \$12
A comedy about human foibles and insecurities, and a shrink who may be completely evil.

SAILOR'S SONG (READING) **THE ACTORS' FUND OF CANADA (THE AFC)**

Sun Feb 11 – Pay What You Can
Rich is a merchant seaman. Now ashore, he seeks direction and love, while still (metaphorically) at sea.

SAVAGE IN LIMBO **VAULT PROJECTS**

Feb 4 – 15 | Pay What You Can \$10 – \$50
A group of friends gather at a local bar to seek relief from the disappointments of life and the outside world.

STOREFRONT CHURCH **TARA PLAYERS**

Feb 1 – 10 | Tickets \$15
Guilt, greed, loss and sorrow come together in an eclectic group connected by an innercity storefront church.

WELCOME TO THE MOON **AND OTHER PLAYS** **SHOESTRING PLAYERS**

Feb 1 – 6 | Tickets \$15
Spiced with comedy and occasional absurdism, eight vignettes illustrate Shanley's theme of our search for love and honesty.

WOMEN OF MANHATTAN **BEAU THEATRE CO.**

Feb 8 – 12 | Tickets \$20
Three women struggle to answer some of life's toughest questions. Through each other's support and hardships, they all find some truth.
