

# 2017/18 Pre Show Chats: Mark Your Calendar!

Thank you for attending Royal MTC's "Thursday 17E" performances. We hope you're looking forward to joining us for a **Pre Show Chat** – an opportunity designed to enhance your evening at the theatre through informal lectures. Over the course of the season, special guests from our community will give presentations and demonstrations on topics related to productions at our John Hirsch Theatre Mainstage at **no extra cost** to our "Thursday 17E" ticket holders.

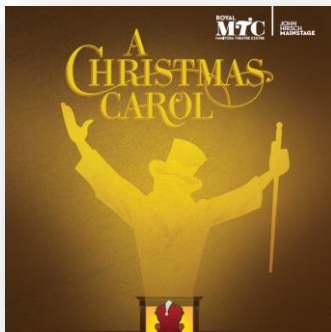
The Pre Show Chats will be held from 6:30pm - 7:00pm in the **North Lobby of the John Hirsch Mainstage**. Please enter the John Hirsch Theatre through the Administration Doors at the west end of the building, near the parking lot and Pantages Playhouse Theatre. Your tickets will be scanned for the performance at the door. Following the presentation, the main lobby and bar will be open, so you can relax and enjoy a beverage before the performance begins at 7:30pm.



**November 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm:**

Brandon Christopher, Associate Professor, University of Winnipeg Faculty of English

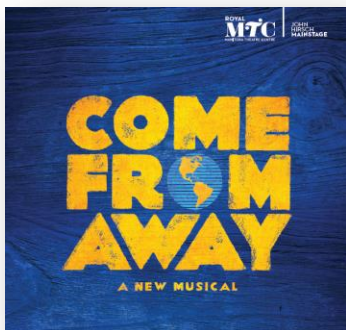
*Shakespeare in Love* is just one example of how Shakespeare's life and plays continue to endure and fascinate. Brandon Christopher, Associate Professor of English at the University of Winnipeg, will lead us through an exploration of Shakespeare adaptations and his works in contemporary culture.



**December 7, 2017 at 6:30pm:**

Bruce McManus, Playwright

Manitoba playwright, Bruce McManus, will share to his experience adapting a Dickens' classic and witnessing its remount on Royal MTC's stage. Bruce McManus has written over twenty plays, including *The Chinese Man Said Goodbye*, *Ordinary Days*, *Schedules*, *Calenture*, and *Selkirk Avenue*, which was nominated for a Governor General's Award for Drama in 1998.



**January 25, 2018 at 6:30PM**

Brent Letain, Master Carpenter, Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre

Get the inside scoop on how Royal MTC re-created the Broadway set of *Come From Away*. Master Carpenter, Brent Letain, will guide us through the journey from carpenter shop to the stage.



**March 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm:**

Peggy Barker & Elsie Douglas, Archival Volunteers, Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre

Travel back in time and get an in-depth look at our special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary photo display. Archival volunteers, Peggy Barker and Elsie Douglas, will guide you through the carefully researched and curated photos that chronical Royal MTC's history.



**April 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm:**

**SPECIAL - 6:00pm – 6:30pm: Facility Tour**

RSVP required by Mar 30 and space is limited. Please be on time for this event as latecomers will not be admitted. **Please note: Backstage has a lot of stairs!**

**Immediately following at 6:30pm:**

Kari Hagness, Head of Props Department, Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre

Learn how the props department brings a production to life. Our Head of Props, Kari Hagness, will reveal the magic of how her prop shop fully completes the world on stage.



**May 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm:**

Krista Jackson, Royal MTC Associate Artistic Director & Director of Morning After Grace

*Morning After Grace* is a hilarious and hopeful exposé of the not-so-secret lives of seniors. From casting to research and rehearsals, *Morning After Grace* Director, Krista Jackson, will delve into the creative process.

See you in the theatre!

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