



Rose Theatre offers tempting fare

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Scott Lale, Rose Theatre's artistic director, often gets singled out by theatre buffs in the city curious to know all the details about the theatre's summer line-up.

Lale, who knows the pulse of the community, said the initial skepticism people have about a play or a musical in question invariably turns into a "I-loved-it."

This year's summer theatre season—which kicked-off recently – includes a lighthearted fare of four stellar plays; *7 Stories*, *Broadway Gold II*, *The War Show* and *The Odd Couple*, all of which are definite crowd pleasers, said Lale. "We're getting to know the people (who come to the theatre) better and they're beginning to trust us a little more," Lale said. "We're providing them with plays (*The Odd Couple* and *Broadway Gold II*) we know they want...but at the same time, we always try to show something challenging in the studio theatre, a smaller venue. By challenging, I don't mean it's difficult to take, it's more a case of; trust-me, you'll-like-this."

The enthusiastic feedback *Broadway Gold* garnered last year prompted the officials at the Rose Theatre to bring back a sequel of the glamorous Las Vegas-style musical.

"We've been building trust over several years," he said. "Three or four years ago, we put on a play called, *I am My Own Wife*, about German transvestite and people wondered why they were coming to see it, but it turned out to be such an interesting play that they walked away completely trusting us."

Each year, effort is made to include a Canadian play or two. *The War Show*, about six men who enlist for the Second World War seeking glory and honour but get a whole lot more than they bargained for is interspersed with a mix of laughter, tears and period music is proudly Canadian.

So is, *7 Stories*, an award-winning play by Morris Panych that has been wowing the crowds at the Rose Theatre. The plot is a hilarious account of an individual on a window ledge, ready to jump but keeps getting interrupted by a string of people living in a high rise. The play takes a warm look at the foibles and follies of human nature and touching exploration of one's place in the world.

For tickets and show schedules, visit: www.rosetheatre.ca.



Stage worthy. Rose Theatre's 2010 summer line-up includes award-winning *7 stories*, the play is a hilarious account of an individual on a window ledge, ready to jump but keeps getting interrupted by a string of people living in a high rise. *Submitted photo*

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