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Festival Players and the Regent Theatre announce collaboration on summer season.

Building on the success of The Regent Theatre & Festival Players online presentation of *Broadway and Beyond: Chilina Kennedy in Concert with Franklin Brasz* earlier this spring, we are pleased to announce a new collaboration: **'Festival Players Tuesdays Online by the Regent'**.

The Regent Theatre is not permitted to open until Phase Three of the provincial re-opening framework but remains committed to entertaining our audience in new and exciting ways. Festival Players is hosting the SIX FEET FESTIVAL in their inaugural season at the BMO Pavilion on the grounds of The Eddie Hotel in Wellington. In true County-spirit, we have joined forces in the knowledge that we are stronger together.

The Regent Theatre & Festival Players are working together to record live and stream each of the 4 shows of the Six Feet Festival: *Beneath Springhill: The Maurice Ruddick Story*, *Carolyn Taylor and Elvira Kurt: Live at The Eddie*, *FLIGHT: Prince Edward County's Festival of Contemporary Dance* and *Chase the Ace*.

Live-streams will be available on Tuesdays from 6PM – midnight throughout August for the unbeatable price of \$15. All the perks of live theatre from the comfort of home, with as many friends and family as fit in your bubble.

Tickets on sale July 5th. Available on the Regent Theatre website www.theregenttheatre.org.

The Regent Theatre is thrilled to be collaborating with Festival Players on this initiative. "We are proud to support community collaborations like this one which increase access to exceptional entertainment for County residents and visitors alike." Alexandra Seay, General Manager, The Regent Theatre.

"This partnership marks an important opportunity for us to give back to the Prince Edward County community that supported our transition to a hybrid performance model with a \$40,000 grant for streaming equipment in the spring of 2020." Benjamin Thornton, Chair, The Regent Theatre.

Festival Players' SIX FEET FESTIVAL includes world premieres, award-winning productions, and familiar faces! Experience Beau Dixon, Carolyn Taylor, Elvira Kurt, Mark Crawford, Carol Anderson, Arwyn Carpenter, Sophie Dow, Kristen Foote in Festival Player's inaugural season at BMO Pavilion set against the picturesque backdrop of the historic Millennium Trail.

"We are thrilled to join forces once again with The Regent Theatre on this exciting and vital endeavor, allowing us to strengthen our community outreach, expand our audience base, and showcase our 2021 season on a global scale" Graham Abbey, Artistic Director, Festival Players

Make a date at your place to experience something from our lineup each Tuesday evening from 6pm till midnight. Popcorn, the beverage of your choice and the comfort of your own home – what could be better if in-person isn't for you right now?

***Beneath Springhill: The Maurice Ruddick Story* created and performed by Beau Dixon**

Online August 3rd at 6PM – Midnight

A powerful story of a Canadian hero told through song like never before. Beneath Springhill chronicles the incredible story of Maurice Ruddick, “the singing miner,” an African-Canadian who survived nine days underground during the historic Springhill mining disaster of 1958.

Carolyn Taylor and Elvira Kurt: Live at The Eddie

Online August 17th at 6 PM – Midnight

Canadian Comedy legends Carolyn Taylor (Baroness Von Sketch Show) and Elvira Kurt (Ellen DeGeneres HBO Special/The Tonight Show) star in a hysterical night of revelry under the stars at the picturesque Eddie Hotel and Farm.

FLIGHT: Prince Edward County’s Festival of Contemporary Dance

Online August 24 at 6 PM – Midnight

FLIGHT is a festival celebrating diverse and Indigenous dance. A meeting ground for expression and education. This evening mainstage performance featuring Carol Anderson, Sophie Dow, Kristen Foote and Ritmo Flamenco, beginning with a traditional hoop dance.

***Chase the Ace* written and performed by Mark Crawford**

Online August 31st at 6 PM - Midnight

World Premiere Production!

When big-city radio host Charlie King is forced to take a job managing a small-town station, he has no idea what’s in store! Not only does a pandemic begin his first week in Port Belette, but he quickly finds himself chasing a story of municipal corruption.

For more than 100 years, the Regent Theatre has entertained Prince Edward County residents and visitors. Despite its challenges the pandemic has brought us closer to our community and artistic partners like Festival Players who have been presenting work by some of Canada's finest theatre artists for over 15 years.

Tickets for the FESTIVAL PLAYERS TUESDAYS ONLINE BY THE REGENT are \$15.

Crack open a bottle of your favourite beverage, kick back and enjoy an evening with some of Canada’s most extraordinary artists from the comfort of home.

Visit festivalplayers.ca or theregenttheatre.org for tickets and more information.

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