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Best in local theatre supporting best in local health care

Anyone looking for a really cool night of entertainment should look no further than the latest Really Cool Initiatives production, which is hitting the stage later this month.

Local performers will be showcased in *The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby*, a play by renowned Canadian playwright Norm Foster.

“It’s really funny,” Jen St. Michael, a long-time member of the group says about the shenanigans happening on Kooshog Lake. Her mother Kathy Dagg is once again directing the show.

Renfrew artist Kathryn Bossy is one of the group’s dedicated members who is playing the role of Sienna. “Having been with Really Cool Initiatives for a number of years, the goal

remains the same: to provide our community with the best possible live music and theatre. We aim to suspend disbelief and bring our audience on a happy journey. Each new production seems to generate more interest—our audiences have come from further afield and ‘actors’ have come out of the woodwork!”

She mentions Jo-Anne Dowdall-Brown is making her acting debut alongside veteran Doug Miller. Anthony St. George and Lori Ann Cherney round out the cast.

“It takes a lot of time, thinking, dedication and planning behind the scenes for a musical or theatrical production. So too with fundraising. New people bring new ideas, which have helped in our fundraising process. This year we will have more shows and a

Friday night wine and cheese party before the show, with entertainment and a few surprises.”

A secondary goal of the group is to support local charities and they have once again selected RVH. This year they have introduced an exclusive Wine and Cheese to generate more funds towards the *I Choose RVH* campaign, notes St. Michael.

“We are fortunate to have access to one of the best rural hospitals in Ontario,” says Bossy. “The dedication to our hospital comes from the top and the culture of excellence is seen and felt throughout the hospital. The foundations are solid and the message is very clear: partnership with the community. A permanent partnership. There is a focus on living well and taking responsibility for our health, evidenced by the number of activities and events our community is invited to participate in. Really Cool Initiatives chooses RVH today and also going forward.”

Performances will be held at the Renfrew Recreation Centre

November 24–November 27. A special Dinner Theatre presentation on Saturday, November 28 is once again sponsored by J.S. Wilson Financial Management. For tickets or more information about the Dinner Theatre, send an email to teresa@jswilsonfinancial.ca.

All other tickets are \$10 each, or \$20 for the Wine and Cheese party on Friday night. They can be purchased in advance at Aikenhead’s, the Renfrew Recreation Centre or at J.S. Wilson Financial Management.



Anthony St. George and Jo-Anne Dowdall-Brown rehearse their roles for the next Really Cool Initiatives production.

For more information about *I Choose RVH*, contact the Foundation at 613-432-4851 ext. 263