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Laughter is the best medicine: local theatre group touring and raising money for RVHF

In the mood for a little ‘Angina Boogie’? Or whistling about your ‘Broken Heart Syndrome’?

Stone Fence Theatre’s upcoming production of *High Times at the Heart Institute* will have you tapping your toe and in stitches over its tribute to Canadian health care.

“Something people need to understand is how fortunate we are,” shares producer Ish Theilheimer during one of the rehearsals.

As the writer of the original play, Theilheimer interweaves his own experience as a patient at The University

of Ottawa Heart Institute, which led to his diagnosis of angina.

The journey inspired the story and songs, along with a series of fundraisers to support Ottawa Valley hospitals.

The all-new show makes its way to the Renfrew Recreation Centre on October 21 and 22.

Theatre-goers can expect a thoughtful, hilarious, relatable account of what happens when four patients find themselves together in a waiting room all beginning their journey through the medical system.

Songs like “Waiting Room From Hell” are fairly autobiographical, he says, and the characters have been loosely based on the people he encountered in Room 315 at The Heart Institute.

Scenes like putting on a hospital gown could be the inner dialogue we all have when we have to change into those dreaded gowns.

It is all seamlessly directed and choreographed by professionally-trained actor, Chantal Elie-Sernoskie.

“This is an exciting way to spread awareness for local health care programs. We are very proud to partner and share some laughs with the Stone Fence group,” says Barb Desilets, Executive Director of the RVH Foundation.

Tickets for the show are still available on the Stone Fence Theatre website. All performance dates and locations are listed at: www.stonefence.ca



The cast of Stone Fence Theatre is raising funds for Renfrew Victoria Hospital and St. Francis Memorial Hospital with an entertaining play on the hospital experience. Performances are on October 21 and 22 at the Renfrew Recreation Centre.

For more information about *I Choose RVH*, contact the Foundation at 613-432-4851 ext. 312