

February 20 - March 8, 2025

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# THE New Canadian CURLING CLUB

By Mark Crawford Directed by Thom Currie

THE COMPANY

FRANK CHUNG
CHIAMAKA GLORY
SANJAY TALWAR
MOJEANE SADR
MARIO CRUDO
LILA CANO

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DAVID BROWN
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Set/Props/Costume Design
Lighting Designer
Stage Manager
Production Manager
Lead Technician
Head of Wardrobe
Head of Props
Head Carpenter
Production Assistant

The New Canadian Curling Club is produced by permission of the Playwright and Marqui Literary (Colin Rivers) www.MQlit.ca The New Canadian Curling Club was commissioned and developed by the Blyth Festival and premiered at Blyth Festival on June 22, 2018.

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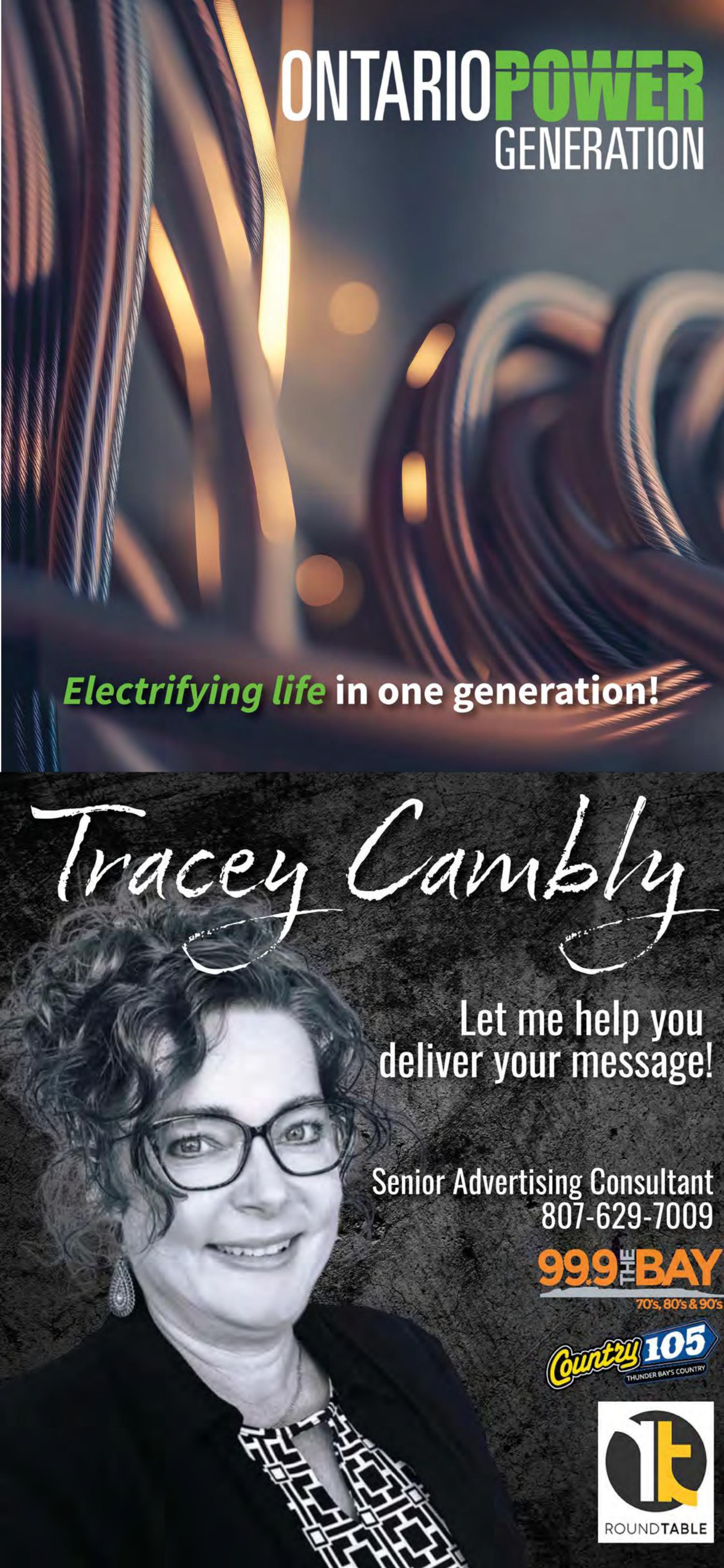
Mark Crawford's (Playwright) newest play, *The New Canadian Curling Club*, premiered at the Blyth Festival in June, 2018. Its second production at Alberta Theatre Projects in March, 2019 broke box office records; the

play became the highest-grossest non-holiday show in the company's history. Mark's first play, Stag and Doe, premiered at the Blyth Festival in 2014. It has received several other professional productions across Canada and recently made its international premiere at Teatr Powszechny, in Lodz, Poland. Bed and Breakfast premiered at the Thousand Islands Playhouse in 2015 and has since been produced at Centaur, Belfry, Magnus Theatre, Soulpepper, Great Canadian Theatre Company, Globe Theatre Regina, Arts Club, Ship's Company, and Blyth. The Birds and the Bees premiered at the Blyth Festival in 2016 and quickly became one of the most-produced Canadian plays of the decade with a dozen professional productions to date. It opens the Granville Island Stage season at Arts Club Theatre Company in fall, 2019.



Thom Currie (Director) is a director, playwright, dramaturg, actor and producer who has worked in theatres across Canada and Europe and is currently Artistic Director of Magnus Theatre in Thunder Bay.

Prior to Magnus, Thom was Artistic Director of the Stephenville Theatre Festival (NL), Managing Artistic Director at The Showboat Festival Theatre In The Round (ON), Artistic Director of The Georgian Theatre Festival (ON) and Founding Artistic Director of Really Little Theatre (INTL). Thom has directed over 100 productions in his career, in spaces ranging from arenas in Regina to third floor walk-up apartments in Paris.





Frank Chung (Mike) is a Korean-Canadian actor based in Toronto, and is thrilled to be a part of this production. Selected theatre credits: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (in 2018 and 2023), *Romeo and* 

Juliet (Canadian Stage), Kim's Convenience (Thousand Islands Playhouse), Timothy Findley's The Wars (Grand Theatre), Romeo and Juliet (Classical Theatre Project), Dido Queen of Carthage, Deportation Cast, HAGS (York University). Selected film/television/animation credits: Lyla in the Loops (PBS Kids), Bakugan (Netflix), Age of Samurai: Battle for Japan (Netflix), Dancing Through the Shadow of Mao (Independent Feature/Leif Films). Upcoming: Frank will be part of another production of The New Canadian Curling Club at the Lighthouse Festival Theatre this summer, directed by Jane Spence. Other: Graduate of York University's BFA Theatre program. Thank you Thom and the whole Magnus Theatre team for an amazing opportunity and warm welcome to Thunder Bay!



Chiamaka Glory (Charmaine) is an actor, writer, and director born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and raised in Toronto, Ontario. As a Doranominated actor and Gina Wilkinson shortlisted director, she has worked

on stages across Canada with favourite credits including *Truth* (YPT), *The New Canadian Curling Club* (Drayton Entertainment / Theatre Orangeville), *White Heat* (cue6/English Theater Berlin), and *The Revolutionists* (Persephone Theatre). On screen, Chiamaka is known for playing Adriana Duff on *Pretty Hard Cases* (CBC), and appears on *Murdoch Mysteries* (CBC), *24 Hours: The Carlesha Gaithers Story* (Lifetime), *Prom Queen* (Netflix), *Most Dangerous Game* (CBS), and *The Boys* (Amazon).



Sanjay Talwar (Anoopjeet) is a professional actor and director whose work has been seen on stages across Canada. He has spent ten seasons at the Shaw Festival, six at the Stratford Festival, numerous

productions at regional theatres, and was Artistic Director of Shakespeare in the Rough in Toronto for six years. His work has also been seen in the UK, India and Bangladesh. Some select credits include Shaw Festival: Candida, Sherlock Holmes, Prince Caspian, The Playboy of the Western World, Too True To Be Good (director); Shawground/ Fairground 2021 (curator); The Doctor's Dilemma, Chitra, A Christmas Carol, Man and Superman, Victory, Wilde Tales, 1979, Helen's Necklace. Stratford Festival: As You Like It, Hamlet, Love's Labour's Lost, Peter Pan, Macbeth. He has a B.A.(Theatre) from Dalhousie University.



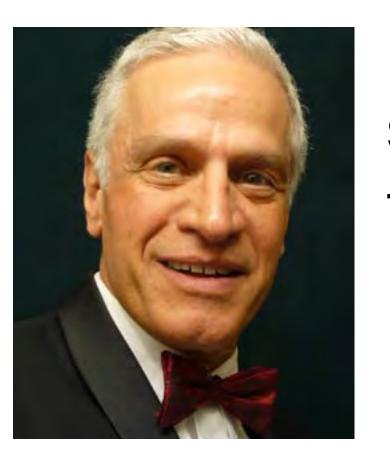
Mojeane Sadr (Fatima) is excited to be making her theatre debut in Thunder Bay. Based out of Toronto, and primarily working on screen, she is Persian- Canadian, but grateful to be able to portray a version of the

middle-eastern experience through Fatima. She loves comedy and the outdoors, so she is so grateful to be a part of this play in the beautiful city of Thunder Bay.

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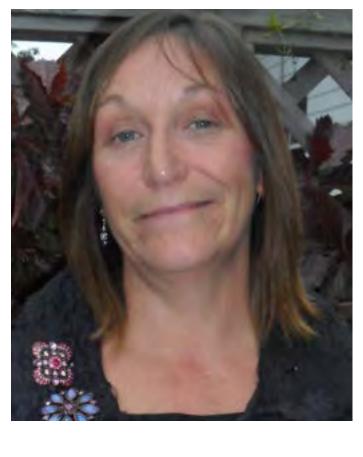
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Mario Crudo (Stuart) was born in southern Italy, in Taurianova, a small town of approximately 10,000 people. In 1954, at the age of six, he immigrated to Canada with his mother, three brothers, and a sister,

none of whom spoke any English. Following the transatlantic voyage and landing at Pier 21, all made the long journey by train from Halifax to Vancouver to meet up with their father who had immigrated to Canada two years prior. Reflecting back on that time, Mario, says, "I am very grateful. It was an enormous and courageous undertaking for my parents to uproot the family from this small town in southern Italy and move to Canada in order to provide opportunities for a better life for their children." Mario adds, "Looking back at that time, I think of my parents often and am so thankful that they made that arduous journey. This play has stirred up almost forgotten memories of what it was like to be an immigrant during my early years in Canada, some good and some not so good. We've come along way Canada but in reference to the not so good memories we still have a long way to go. Thank you Thom for the opportunity to take part in the play and thank you Mark for writing it.



LilaCano (Marlene) has been working as a professional actor since 1984. She has performed in countless plays with amazing folks, some who have become life-long friends. Lila has also worked as a director, assistant

director, stage manager, dramaturg, producer, writer, designer and arts educator. Last "heard" on the Magnus Stage in *Meet My Sister*. She is currently teaching incredible students at Oshki-Wenjack Education Institution and is enjoying working with everyone there. Enjoy the show!!



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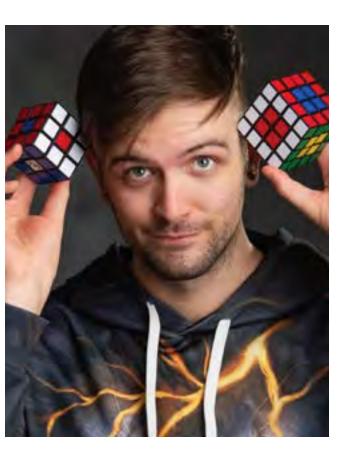
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Sean Mulcahy (Set, Props, Costume Designer) is a Toronto based Designer and Stylist whose work has been seen throughout Canada, the US and Central America. Select companies include: Theatre Aquarius, Starvox

Ent., KOBA Entertainment, The Stratford Festival, The Obsidian Theatre Company, Rainbow Stage, Canadian Stage, Harold Green Jewish Theatre Co., and Neptune Theatre. Print and media clients include some of North America's leading brand and National PSA campaigns; CAMH, Loblaws, Canadian Tire, The Bombay Co., Bowring, The Bay, Indigo, etc. Awards: A Guthrie and The Tom Patterson Award (Stratford Festival); 8 Merritt Nominations, 3 Awarded (Theatre Nova Scotia); BestGroupCostumeDesign(PrideToronto);Pauline McGibbon Award, shortlist (2011); 2020 Laureate of the prestigious Virginia and Myrtle Copper Award in Costume Design, Ontario Arts Federation and OAC. Sean is a graduate of York University's Theatre Production and Design program (BFA Honours), and holds a PGCert. in Arts Administration and Cultural Management from Humber College. He is a member of the Associated Designers of Canada and a Design instructor.



Jeff Pybus (Lighting Designer) is a Toronto based Lighting Designer and Technical Director. Recent work includes 6 seasons as one of the Assistant Lighting Designers at the Shaw festival and touring Human

Cargo's The Runner all around the country. www. jeffpybus.ca Previously for Magnus: SHOUT! The Mod Musical, The Runner. Select credits: People, Places and Things (Coalmine); La Bête, The Other Place, The Judas Kiss, The Yalta Game (Talk is Free); Mary's Wedding (Thousand Islands Playhouse); The Killing, Seagulls (Shaw Festival Director's Projects); Beautiful Renegades

(Peggy Baker Dance Projects); Where I'll Meet You (Brooke Gilmour); Whole New World (Tyler Hutchings); Select Assistant/Associate credits: Angels in America (That Theatre Company); The Runner (Human Cargo); The Invisible, V igilante (Catalyst); Mahabharata (Why Not); One Man Two Guvnors, My Fair Lady, Chitra, Gaslight, The Shadow of a Doubt, Prince Caspian, Cyrano De Bergerac, Desire Under the Elms (Shaw Festival); Music Für das Ende (Soundstreams)





Gillian Jones (Stage Manager)
This is my bio all about how,
my life got flipped turned upside
down and I'd like to take a
moment before the show starts

to tell you how I became involved in the live arts. In North Thunder Bay, I was born and raised. On a playground is where I spent most of my days. Chillin out max and relaxin all cool, but never shootin' B-ball outside of the school. When a couple of folks who were up to some good, started a rehearsal in my neighbourhood. I worked on one little show and my boss was eager to offer me a job here at Magnus Theatre.



Nicholas Palinka (Production Manager) is excited to be celebrating his ninth season at Magnus Theatre. He would like to thank Dave, Nadia, Lisa and Tim for your hard work throughout the season. Nadine, thank

you for your support - without you I wouldn't have been able to have a career in the arts. If you've read this far, thanks and enjoy the show!



Tim Stephenson (Lead Technician) is a production award winning graduate from the Ontario Institute of Audio Recording Technology. In the years since graduation he has worked as an Audio Technician at the Thunder

Bay Community Auditorium setting up some of the biggest shows to come to Thunder Bay.

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Lisa Macchione (Head of Wardrobe) is a passionate devotee of the performing arts and all things adornment. In 1999 she graduated from Seneca College's Fashion Arts program and has had the opportunity

to use her skills in costuming to work onset of local films, historical reenactments, as well as her own performance art. Researching characters, creating one of kind pieces, and the spark of a thrift store treasure hunt are what she enjoys most. She is thrilled to join the team of creative crew and cast at Magnus Theatre.



Nadia Cheechoo (Head of Properties) is an Indigenous woman from Wikwemikong, Ontario. She is back at Magnus Theatre, adding yet another position to her repertoire. She has had previous props experience

working in film, but this is her first time in this position at Magnus. With carpentry and wardrobe already under her belt, she's ready to continue honing old and new skills. Then she plans to carry those skills into future shows, theatres, and film projects. Magnus Theatre has been a major stepping stone in her career as an artist, and she hopes to continue to share her skills with them and others.



David A. Brown (Head Carpenter) joined Magnus six seasons ago as the head carpenter after working as the canoe builder /shipwright at Old Fort William for 40 years. Canoe and boat building were his main jobs but

Dave wore many hats while at the Fort and has been involved in many movie and television productions. From an "I- Max" production in the early 1980's to many commercials and print productions. Appearing in National Geographic and the National Enquirer

in the same year. He was heavily involved in "Haunted Fort" building many props, animatronic effects and enjoys lighting things up as a "licensed pyrotechnician." Dave enjoys the new challenges at Magnus and is getting used to building square and level, he would still like everything to be curved like a canoe or boat.



Tim Walters (Production Assistant) didn't start his journey in theatre from a young age, but he did perform in a production of Hairspray at St. Ignatius Highschool as a handful of smaller characters, and in another

production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat playing the accordion. Those productions introduced him to the wild, wacky, and hectic world of live theatre. He first started working with Magnus Theatre in 2018 on the production of Back in '59 as a sound tech assistant under Jean-Paul De Roover of Blueprints Audio. He has done a little bit of everything while working at Magnus, building sets, hanging lights, pitching the new saddle-span tent, running sound, controlling cameras, working backstage, and playing accordion on stage. Tim has been involved in several past productions at Magnus including: Back in '59, Rocky Horror Picture Show, A Christmas Carol, SHOUT, Home: A Bluegrass Celebration, Man of La Mancha, Dock Spider, Hand to God, and Mama's Country Record Collection. Tim is very grateful to be continuously called back to work with the great community at Magnus Theatre. When not working with Magnus he is a private accordion teacher, performer, composer, and free-reed aerophone instrument repairer.



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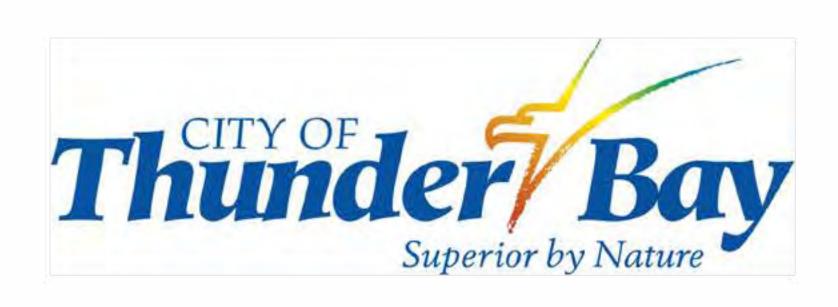












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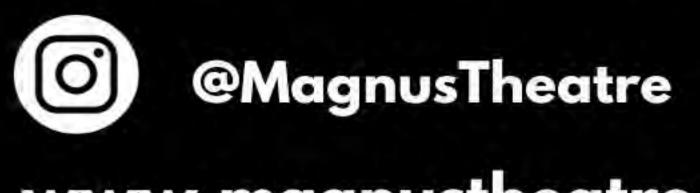
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