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Theatre Aquarius Presents *The Best of Fringe 2009*

Hamilton, ON, September 8, 2009 – Theatre Aquarius is proud to announce that they will be presenting *The Best of the Fringe 2009* as the opening production of the Stagewrite Series this October. This unique collaboration between Theatre Aquarius and the Hamilton Fringe Festival will see ***An Evening with Nicholas Wallace (Practitioner of the Art of Astonishment)*** and ***Laund-O-Mat at the End of the World*** performed as a double bill for a limited run of 11 performances.



"This is a unique opportunity for Theatre Aquarius to partner with the Fringe and bring some very talented artists to a different audience", enthuses Theatre Aquarius' Artistic Director Ron Ulrich. *"Theatre goers are in for a real treat by getting two completely different yet wonderful shows!"*

An Evening with Nicholas Wallace was the runaway hit of the Fringe with the highest overall attendance and box office and saw many disappointed people turned away at the door. **Nick Wallace** invites audiences to an evening of interactive theatre, featuring turn of the century variety acts that have been lost in time. Astonishing feats of Magic, Mind reading and Ghost stories inside a traveling tent-show from the past. A one-man show with a cast of 100 - (that includes you!).

The second show on the double bill is ***Laund-O-Mat at the End of the World***, presented by Quarter to Nine Productions. This one-act play tells the story of two strangers who meet at the laundry mat one Friday. Carmella, a woman torn by her situation in life who is on the lookout for signs from above, is going about her Friday routine at the laundromat when she meets Brian, a stranger who believes the world is going to end. The production stars Grimsby native **Shari Vandermolten** and Hamilton's **Michael Hannigan** and was written by **Peter Gruner**. ***Laund-O-Mat*** was Ron Ulrich's pick of the Fringe.

The Best of Fringe will be performed from October 22 – 30 in the Norman and Louise Haac Studio Theatre at Theatre Aquarius, Dofasco Centre for the Arts, at 190 King William Street, Hamilton, ON, L8R 1A8. Opening night is October 24, 2009. The 2009/10 Stagewrite Series is sponsored in part by Evans Philp LLP.

Tickets for ***The Best of Fringe*** are on sale now, and may be ordered on line at www.theatreaquarius.org, by calling the box office at 905.522.7529 (toll free 1.800.465.7529), or in person at Theatre Aquarius, Dofasco Centre for the Arts. For group sales, please contact groupsales@theatreaquarius.org.

Theatre Aquarius is in its 37th season as South Western Ontario's professional regional theatre with 8,000 annual subscribers and over 100,000 patrons for its 200 performances, drawing audiences from London, Mississauga, Guelph and Niagara. Theatre Aquarius is one of only 12 'A' category professional producing not-for-profit regional theatres in Canada, and 3rd largest in Ontario.

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