

The Drawer Boys open at Meaford Hall

When farm and city meet, theatre happens

The Georgian Theatre Festival is proud to present its 4th production of the summer, *The Drawer Boy*, by Michael Healey.

Director Andrew Lamb, who had previously directed *The Tempest* and *Midsummer Night's Dream* with the Festival's Youth Theatre program, says he is delighted to be back in Meaford, and working with such a wonderful cast.

"I chose *The Drawer Boy* because its story takes place on a farm making this show incredibly relevant to Meaford and the surrounding area," says Lamb. "I am very fortunate to be working with this superb and experienced cast. Both Bruce Gooch and Mark Terene have lived and worked on farms, and Peter Treadwell grew up in Grey County."

Describing the story line briefly could lead people to think of the play as a very serious drama, but Lamb insists that it is not.

"Although the play deals with serious topics, Michael Healey uses a lot of humour to explore the truth

in his characters."

The Drawer Boy tells the story of two friends from the country, Morgan & Angus, who volunteered to serve in World War II. Angus returns with memory loss from a head wound sustained in London. They buy land in the country and together work the farm for thirty years, until one day, an actor from the city shows up at their door. Miles seeks an authentic rural life experience to use as inspiration for a play he is working on about country life.

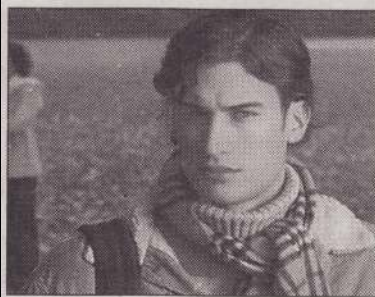
The Drawer Boy is a beautiful story that brings Canadian rural life in the 1970s to the foreground.

"This rural/urban culture clash," according to Lamb, "Exposes hidden secrets of love and tragedy."

Stage Management for this show is by Alexa Carroll, with set & costume design by Lindsay C. Walker and lighting design by Michael Walton. Jeremy Bernard is Production Manager, Meghan Speakman (a former Young Company student of Mr. Lamb's) is the Assistant Technical Director, and Blair Smith is Construction & Crew Chief. *The Drawer Boy* runs from August 2nd to 12th with matinees on Wednesday & Thursday. Patrons should note that there is mild swearing in the play.



summer theatre
in Meaford...
the perfect
place to play.



The Drawer Boy

written by Michael Healey

directed by Andrew Lamb

August 2nd - August 12th

warmly funny & evocative
a play for our town & our time

"one of the 10 best plays of the year"...
TIME Magazine