



NANAIMO'S OWN PROFESSIONAL THEATRE COMPANY

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Workshop Process Begins for TheatreOne's New Play – **BEING FRANK**

On July 5th and 6th, TheatreOne began workshopping the first draft of their new play **BEING FRANK**, by G. Kim Blank, based on the life of local icon – Frank Ney. The workshop took place at CAN (Centre for the Arts – Nanaimo) and will aid Mr. Blank in the further development of his script.

Participating in the workshop are local Canadian Equity Association Actors Adrian Hough & Russell Kilde, and from Vancouver – Yvonne Adalian. Also participating are Alleah Poirier and Lee Schwarz, both from the Malaspina University-College Theatre Program, and Michael Armstrong of Courtenay. TheatreOne's Artistic Director Burton Lancaster led the workshop with playwright G. Kim Blank.

Adrian Hough is one of Vancouver's busiest actors. Most recently he appeared on television as a guest star in **The Evidence**, and **Blade, The Series**, and is a recurring character on **Falcon Beach**. He can also currently be seen on the big screen in **Xmen 3**, playing Jean Grey's father opposite Patrick Stewart and Sir Ian McKellan. Russell Kilde recently conducted a monologue workshop for **Studio Theatre** in Williams Lake and was a jury member for the **National Playwriting Competition for Theatre BC**. In February of this year Yvonne Adalian was seen performing in the live radio show **Sorry Wrong Number** at ArtSpring on Salt Spring Island as Mrs Stephenson. Playwright and actor, Michael Armstrong, was a finalist in this year's **CBC Poetry Face-off** and is currently working on a series of noir detective plays.

TheatreOne is thankful to the following for their financial contribution to the **BEING FRANK** New Play Development Project: ArtsNow (through 2010 Legacies Now), The Port of Nanaimo, Spirit of BC, and the City of Nanaimo.

BEING FRANK, sponsored by Royal Lepage Nanaimo Realty, will make its world premiere as a joint presentation with The Port Theatre April 25-29, 2007.

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In picture front left:
Michael Armstrong, Alleah Poirier, Lee Schwarz, Burton Lancaster,
G. Kim Blank, Russell Kilde, Yvonne Adalian, and Adrian Hough