



Theatre by the River is an independent, professional theatre company based in Winnipeg, MB. Since 2005, we've existed to produce theatrical work throughout Manitoba that attracts and excites both traditional and non-traditional theatre audiences by providing artistically provocative, socially significant and financially accessible theatre.

Theatre by the River is proud to announce that its annual fundraiser *Wine & Words | New Writings* will be hosted in partnership with Spurfest on the weekend of March 21-23. *Wine & Words* features the written works of Canadian composers, musicians, playwrights, poets, fiction and non-fiction authors, and storytellers. With the assistance of local actors and celebrities, Theatre by the River stages the pieces for a variety show that dramatizes the featured written works. The event will showcase featured authors, their work, and the actors' talents to help fundraise for the company's season.

The company invites you to submit an excerpt of an unpublished work-in-progress – part of a short story, a poem, a song, a scene from a play, prose, (you name it, we'll consider it) – between 300 - 500 words by **January 31, 2014**. Submissions from performance artists (slam poets, sketch comic artists, etc.), as well as mixed media collaborations, are also welcome. *Wine & Words* provides an opportunity to celebrate the authors and their unpublished creative works by showcasing them through the professional talents of local performance artists. Let us celebrate your creative genius!

A panel composed of Theatre by the River members along with individual guest panelists from community organizations will review submissions. Selected pieces will be presented at *Wine & Words 2014* by a medley of local actors and celebrities at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Writers of selected pieces will receive a complimentary ticket to attend; and further, with the authors' permission, selected pieces will be advanced to the *Literary Review of Canada*, as well as local publishers *Prairie Fire* and *Contemporary Verse 2* to consider for publication.

How to submit: Although each piece will be considered by a juried blind review, your cover page should include the following information: your name(s), email address, mailing address, the title of your submission, the format (poem, song, etc.), your professional status (established or emerging), special instructions, and a fifty-word bio. Your written submission should omit any information that would identify you as the author. A maximum of three submissions per author will be considered. Please send to: wineandwords2014@gmail.com.

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