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SHORT FILM SHOWCASE: The event is gaining global attention in only its second year

## Local, foreign films celebrated

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AUG. 23: In only its second year, the London Short Film Showcase has seen the world come calling.

The showcase, set for Saturday at Rainbow Cinemas, has drawn the interest of talents from as far away as Australia, Africa, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Films include Pea vs. Carrot, an award-winning project by American filmmaker Ben Hicks, and Kivumvu: Basket Boy, a dramatic film made through a Burundi Film Centre pilot project.



"We have been very fortunate with the response we have had this year. We still give local films first dibs, but it is nice to be able to bring some great international films home to London," said Jason Clarke, the founder and board president of the showcase.

Local films include For Pete's Sake, a fun-filled piece about prostitutes, hitchers, and pimps, directed by Sean Stanley with a cast comprised of Ben Potter, Leon Cox, Samir Mansur and Maggie Park. Biz-ography is a satire about a day in the life of eight-year-old whiz kid James Johnson Jr. It's directed by Mark Potter and the cast includes Nathan Riviere, B.B. Johnson, Meghan Brown and Chris Burke.

Clarke said short films are an important part of the film industry.

"Almost every filmmaker has made a short film at some point. They're made in almost every genre imaginable and tend to be very creative."



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This year, 35 per cent of the profits will go to the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, with the remaining funds given to filmmakers.

The event includes a networking evening on Friday at The Arts Project and a closing night gala where the four top films will be screened again, as well as the film selected as the people's choice.

Tickets for the closing gala at the London Tap House on Richmond Street are \$20.

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## IF YOU GO

**What:** London Short Film Showcase

**When:** Saturday, Aug. 23, 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Rainbow Cinemas, Galleria London, 355 Wellington St.

**Tickets:** \$10 per screening or \$20 for the three screenings, available online at [www.londonshortfilmshowcase.com](http://www.londonshortfilmshowcase.com) (see link), London Chapters locations or at the door.

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#### Around the Town

**Golf Fundraiser** JULY 14: The Mixed Celebrity Golf Classic for breast cancer pre-tournament cocktail party was held at Firerock Golf Course.

**Fourth Annual Summer Celebration** JULY 7: The fourth annual end-of-season Summer Celebration for Orchestra London was held yesterday at Avstar Landing, the Ilderton-area home of David Taylor, president of Pacific & Western Bank of Canada. The event, sponsored by Taylor and the bank, drew 750 guests including Orchestra London members, patrons, their families and bank staff.

#### On the Boards

**IN PETROLIA: Lambton County's oil history brought to vibrant life**  
TILL AUG. 30: While approaching this Lambton County community, there are working oil wells in the fields that speak of the local heritage here, while continuing to pump for the future.

**REVIEW: Truscott's story on stage was lived by local audience**  
TILL SEPT. 6: In the lobby at the Blyth Festival, Steven Truscott's smiling face is on the cover of the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted's glossy publication.

**REVIEW: Looking for a reality escape? Look elsewhere**  
TILL SEPT. 6: Art that

#### The Music File

**'It's a way to give back'**  
AUG. 30: Life isn't always simple for Simple Plan.

**New venue steps out in style**  
TILL AUG. 31: Toes tapping to the big band music, Joy Gerofsky just wanted to get up and dance, like in the good old days.

**Rejoice, Londoners -- LOLA is back once again**  
THROUGH SEPTEMBER: Sweet September has a bit of everything in London entertainment.

**Take five**  
SEPT. 6, 7, 13, 18-20, 23: A downtown fest back for its third edition, and old favourites the High School Project and Cuckoo's Nest folk series help spice this

**Strawberries and Champagne in the Country** JUNE 30: A fundraiser for Fanshawe Chorus London and the Gerald Fagan Singers was held at the home of Hank and Anne Vander Laan.

**Aroma Mediterranean Restaurant** JUNE 30: The restaurant celebrated its second anniversary and the opening of its wine cellar with a fundraiser for the Robotic Surgery Simulation Centre at London Health Sciences Centre's University Campus.

**Kaleidoscope Ride** JUNE 30: A concert at Aeolian Hall to raise awareness of autism featured the singing duo of Sarah Sobey, who has autism, and her mother, Kim Souch.

## Stratford Festival

**AT STRATFORD: Dennehy fuses both great dramas**  
TILL AUG. 31: Ask anyone who's ever fallen under the spell of fine theatre and they'll tell you some of the best theatre in the world takes place, not on the stage, but rather in your mind.

**Star lights up festival**  
TILL AUG. 31: He meanders on stage with a wrinkled suit and a stagger in his step.

**AT STRATFORD: Compelling Palmer Park propelled by superb cast**  
TILL SEPT. 21: In the opening scenes of Palmer Park -- a new work from playwright Joanna McClelland Glass that premiered on the stage of the Stratford Festival's Studio Theatre this past weekend -- a lot of people are likely to wonder just why this particular play is running on this particular stage.

**HOT TICKET: Universal appeal**  
TILL SEPT. 28: Director and playwright Peter Hinton locates Shakespeare's Universe on a new Stratford Shakespeare Festival stage this summer.

offers an escape from reality has its place, but so does art that causes us to look honestly at the world, the things that occur in it, and the brutal way the hominids who occupy it behave toward one another.

### Blyth Festival rolls out playbill

TILL SEPT. 6: Blyth Festival officials are offering Londoners a peek at the festival's upcoming season on Saturday.

### Innocence Lost

TILL SEPT. 6: Whenever teenage actor Curtis te Brinke rehearses Steven Truscott's chilling trial scene for the world premiere of a Blyth Festival play, it takes its toll emotionally.

### HOT TICKET:

#### Innocence Lost

TILL SEPT. 6: The much-anticipated play about the Steven Truscott story is ready to unveil next week at the Blyth Festival.

### Truscott on playbill

TILL SEPT. 6: In a bold move, the Blyth Festival -- one of the region's foremost theatre companies -- has added the Stephen Truscott story to its upcoming playbill, generating early buzz.

### Blyth festival extends run of play about Truscott

TILL SEPT. 13: Blyth Festival's historic production of Innocence Lost: A Play About Steven Truscott has added six more performances in September due to a huge demand for tickets.

### Grand explores life's various sides

OPENS SEPT. 23: Theatre reminds us of what it means to be human, Susan Ferley, the artistic director of the Grand Theatre, says.

### Palace shimmers

OPENS SEPT. 26: Step inside the stately Palace Theatre and you can almost feel the presence of the actors, directors and stage managers who walked the halls of this historic building.

### REVIEW: Sondheim's musical gets intimate onstage

TILL OCT. 4: NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE -- Fans of Stephen Sondheim's musicals are accustomed to passion, but when it

month's picks.

### Oasis booking confirms JLC buzz

SEPT. 9: This spring's Oasis buzz was right -- the British rock band won't leave Canada without stopping in London.

### Idol Star, Travis among the acts on grandstand

SEPT. 5-12: Western Fair's 2008 grandstand lineup makes room for an American Idol contender, plenty of Canadian content, some country and a touch of the blues.

### ENTERTAINMENT BUZZ: Daughtry to play Western Fair on Sept. 12

SEPT. 12: The band led by the guy who should have won American Idol back in 2006 and had the best-selling U.S. album in 2007 is coming to the 2008 Western Fair.

### ENTERTAINMENT BUZZ: Crow returns to JLC

SEPT 24: U.S. rocker Sheryl Crow is coming back to the John Labatt Centre.

### Carnival stops at JLC

OCT. 6: Carrie Underwood fans can go for a spin on her Carnival Ride Tour this October as it makes a stop at the John Labatt Centre.

### Henry Rollins, U.S. punk icon and anti-poet, London-bound

OCT. 21, 28, 30: The last time U.S. punk rocker and spoken word artist Henry Rollins brought his solo tour to Centennial Hall, it was 2003 -- and he made one thing clear from the start.

### Concert calendar gets more crowded

OCT. 26, NOV. 13, 25, 29: The London fall concert scene continues to swirl.

### RIGHT HERE: Former Merla Mae stars return essential to see

NOV. 8: Back in 1991, you could have found Right Here under the trees in Victoria Park -- enjoying the first London international children's festival and his introduction to a fine young a cappella group called the Humdingers.

## Festivals

### Take five

**AT STRATFORD:  
Compelling piece of  
theatre**

TILL OCT. 4: It could be described in its way as a kitchen-sink drama, written in the days before there were kitchen sinks.

**REVIEW: Third  
dimension lost in  
students' Labour**

TILL OCT. 4: There is a reason to see the Stratford Festival production of Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost* during its run in the Tom Patterson Theatre, where it opened last weekend.

**REVIEW: The Hell of  
war**

TILL OCT. 5: Regardless of who wins, it always seems to be the women who lose at war.

**REVIEW: Moby Dick  
lost at sea**

TILL OCT. 18: Apparently becalmed in the wake of his commercially successful stage adaptation of *The Overcoat*, playwright/director Morris Panych has clamoured aboard the good ship *Pequod* and, like some latter day Christopher Columbus, set sail in search of new theatrical lands to conquer.

**REVIEW: Big  
baggage, good  
voyage**

TILL OCT. 25: If ever one needed proof positive that not every work created by a master is by extension a masterpiece -- or even that not all art is timeless - one might be well advised to look to Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.

**REVIEW: Cabaret  
steals heart**

TILL OCT. 25: This may be your parents' *Cabaret* - but chances are, it's going to take them awhile to recognize it.

**REVIEW: Sure-footed  
actor leads Hamlet**

TILL OCT. 26: Adrian Noble's direction advances Shakespeare's penetrating plot and tormented characters with confidence and ease.

**Twisty road to  
Stratford**

TILL NOV. 1: Eddie Glen's road to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival took a while -- and a few twists.

comes to staging the work of the master of the thinking-man's musical, the Shaw Festival offers intimacy, too.

**REVIEW: Forget  
Obama, this President  
wins in landslide**

TILL OCT. 4: NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE -- For a fledgling director Blair Williams, takes his comedy seriously indeed, and that's good news for anyone wanting a heaping helping of laughter to wash down lunch here.

**REVIEW: Oh, what a  
night**

TILL OCT. 5: If you've always harboured a secret desire to hang out with the coolest guys in the neighbourhood, the wait is over.

**Local performers land  
plum roles in Sound  
of Music**

OCT. 15: The hills are alive -- with the sound of London-region singers.

**From Tolkien to  
Melville, Woodstock  
actor succeeds**

TILL OCT. 18: Woodstock's Matt Cassidy played Aragorn in the *Lord of the Rings* and the ugly half of *Beauty and the Beast* on his way to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival.

**Wilson stays near  
roots**

TILL OCT. 18: Ryan Wilson is able to keep family members close to him while he performs at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival.

**THEATRE: Tiny Tim,  
Molly actors focus of  
Grand search**

NOV. 28-DEC. 24: "God bless us, every one!" may be heard throughout London playgrounds and day camps this summer as children brush up on their *Tiny Tim* lines.

**Broadway shows  
barrel into Forest City**

NOV. 29-JULY 9, 2009: The Broadway in London series brings touring musical comedies, dance spectacles, Billy Joel songs and more to stages here next season.

**Sports**

**Weekend packed with  
motorsports**

TILL AUG. 31: Grab an empty plate and step up

SEPT. 6, 7, 13, 18-20, 23: A downtown fest back for its third edition, and old favourites the High School Project and Cuckoo's Nest folk series help spice this month's picks.

**What's Up**

**Stronach pool going to  
the dogs for a good  
cause**

AUG. 31: Go on. Let your dog take the plunge.

**Soccer club reaches  
out to Sudan players**

TILL SEPT. 8: A soccer group that helps children in the city is reaching out to help kids thousands of kilometres away, too.

**To Bee or not to Bee  
seminar is generating  
plenty of buzz**

SEPT. 13: There are still spaces open for a September gardening seminar in Bayfield that's generating a lot of buzz.

**Men to don pumps in  
the park to raise funds  
for Women's  
Community House**

SEPT. 14: London sidewalks will get uncomfortably crowded next month when 300 men will walk a mile in women's shoes.

**London Hydro's future  
in hands of taxpayers**

SEPT. 18: Londoners, you own an asset worth nearly a quarter billion dollars. So, what do you want to do with it?

**Annual riverside  
cleanup nears**

SEPT. 20-28: Shopping carts, truck tires, a couch cushion, a mattress, and a lawn chair all turned up.

**Hall of Flamers won't  
attend**

OCT. 3-5: No sex, please, we're London firefighters.

**Sex focus of London  
trade show**

OCT. 3-5: A national sex show is coming to London.

**On Exhibit**

**MY LONDON: Dance  
Hall Daze heavenly mix**

SEPT. 19-JAN. 18: Thanks to Maya Hirschman and a strong supporting cast, there's a make-believe ballroom at Museum London's Lawson Family gallery.

**Boy wonder(ful) at fest**

TILL NOV. 1: In 1962, Ron Howard played Winthrop Paroo in the film version of The Music Man.

**REVIEW: Goad's talent, charisma to the fore**

TILL NOV. 1: It is a role that, for many, will always belong to the late Robert Preston.

**REVIEW: Social power play still relevant**

TILL NOV. 1: Whoever observed that it's not the fall that kills you, but rather the landing, obviously was not talking about social slip-ups.

**AT STRATFORD: All hail Plummer**

TILL NOV. 8: Vini, vidi, vici -- I came, I saw, I conquered.

**HOT TICKET: Hail Caesar!**

TILL NOV. 8: The Stratford Shakespeare Festival adds its star power to George Bernard Shaw's wit and romantic comedy when Caesar and Cleopatra opens Aug. 17 at 8 p.m.

to the motorsports buffet at area tracks this Labour Day weekend.

**Robblee chasing eighth title**

TILL AUG. 31: What Michael Phelps was to the Beijing Olympics, Steve Robblee is about to become to Delaware Speedway.

**Delaware homecoming**

TILL AUG. 31: Touring championship late-model racing is returning to Delaware Speedway.

**This guy's 'game' sings**

TILL AUG. 31: Joe Horowitz is the only player who can claim to have made money this year at every stop on the Canadian Tour.

**Big tour hits small town**

TILL AUG. 31: SEAFORTH -- It's showtime.

**No Mac for Mustangs on OUA football sked**

SEPT. 1-OCT. 18: The Western Mustangs will open their Ontario universities football season with a Sept. 1 (Labour Day) night game at home against Ottawa Gee-Gees as part of a schedule that includes a Thursday night game.

**Terry Fox's remarkable London visit recalled**

SEPT. 14: The emotion in the crowd was so thick, you could feel it.

**MY LONDON: Photos worth a thousand words**

TILL OCT. 1: The power and beauty of the photograph have new meaning for me after a visit to Museum London last week.

**PALETTE: Art scene hot in June**

TILL OCT. 18: The whimsical, wonderful days of summer are here and galleries are opening their doors to the public to explore the visual arts world. There's an abundance of exhibitions to explore close to home.

**THE ARTS: Museum breaking with tradition to broaden audience**

TILL NOV. 16: Contrary to some, museums aren't just places for dusty artifacts or shushing security guards.

**PALETTE: On the move**

TILL NOV. 16: For the last couple of years London artist Ron Milton has "turned" to the Thames for a source of inspiration as a member of the River Project.

**Dark Donnelly legend embraced as tourist draw**

OPENS MAY 2009: For years, the unspoken word in town was say nothing about the Donnellys.

**Family and Children****Double-decker attracts riders from near and far**

TILL SEPT. 1: They came from as far away as Greece, and as nearby as down the street, to ride the red bus.

**Double-decker tours proving popular among Londoners**

TILL SEPT. 1: An opportunity to see London through the eyes of a tourist has proven so popular, eight free tours on the city's double-decker bus are fully booked.

**Thomas the Tank Engine on one hand, Simple Plan on other coming to JLC**

OCT. 2: It couldn't have been planned.

**Wiggles on way to JLC**

OCT 27: Mass wiggling is set to start at the John

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