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2nd Northern Drama Festival in Ile-a-la-Crosse April 23

On April 23 & 24, 2010, four northern drama groups will be part of the second Northern Drama Festival, one of the Regional Drama Festivals registered with the Saskatchewan Drama Association. The Northern Drama Festival is part of a Northern Drama Project, a drama development program coordinated by the Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District (NSCRD), the Saskatchewan Drama Association, and the school and communities involved in the project including: Charlebois School in Cumberland House, Dene High in La Loche, Pre Cam & Churchill Community Schools in La Ronge, and Rossignol High School in Ile-a-la-Crosse.

The Festival will begin with technical rehearsals on Friday afternoon. Each of the participating school drama groups will perform their plays/musical on Friday evening starting at 6:30 pm at Rossignol High School in Ile a la Crosse. On Saturday, the groups will participate in production workshops and an awards luncheon. One of the plays/musical will be chosen to participate in the Saskatchewan Drama Festival May 6-8 in Regina.

“There was a lot of interest in the project from communities across the north and we are very excited to be a partner in providing this cultural drama opportunity with the Saskatchewan Drama Association again this year. It is an excellent cultural experience for the youth.”, said Judy MacLeod Campbell, Program Manager for Culture & Community Development with the NSCRD. “We are happy to be partnering for the second Northern Drama Project and Festival. Northern community involvement in our Festivals is important to our organization. We want to keep northern communities active in drama.”, says Darlene Briere, Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Drama Association. Roy Challis was the mentor hired by the Saskatchewan Drama Association to work with the four northern drama groups throughout the project providing two, one day workshops in each community and ongoing developmental support and will be adjudicating the Festival.

“Our school’s drama facilities are top-notch and so are our volunteers. Rossignol High School and the Northern Village of Ile-a-la-Crosse are very pleased to be hosting the Northern Drama Festival again this year and welcome everyone to attend the performances on April 23 at 6:30 pm”, says Alice Ratt and Lon Borgerson. Alice is the drama group leader at Rossignol High and Lon is the Director of Education of the Ile-a-la-Crosse School Division, both are acting as Host Coordinators for the Festival. Funding support for the Project and the Festival includes a Community Grant from the Community Initiatives Fund, Saskatchewan Lotteries, SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Arts Board, as well as participating schools and communities.

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