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Northern Drama Festival to be held in Ile-a-la-Crosse

On April 26 & 27, 2013, six northern drama groups will be part of the fifth 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 schools and communities involved in the project including: Charlebois School in Cumberland House, Rossignol High School in Ile-a-la-Crosse, Twin Lakes School in Buffalo Narrows, Minahik Waskahigan School in Pinehouse, St. Pascal school in Green Lake and Hector Thiboutot Community School in Sandy Bay.

The Festival will begin with technical rehearsals on Friday morning. Each of the participating school drama groups will perform their plays on Friday evening, April 26th, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Rossignol High School in Ile a la Crosse. On Saturday, the groups will participate in production workshops, drama games, and an awards luncheon. One of the plays will be chosen to participate in the Saskatchewan Drama Festival in May in Regina.

"We are pleased to announce that this is the fifth year of the Northern Drama Project. Northern communities continue to participate in this project and it has encouraged more cultural programming in northern communities so this involvement is important to our organization. " said Michelle Hewison, General Manager with the NSCRD. We see the benefits to the youth who are active in drama." says Lenore Bailey, Project Manager with the Saskatchewan Drama Association. Bob Brophy and Michael Baxter were the mentors hired by the Saskatchewan Drama Association to work with the six northern drama groups throughout the project providing two, one day workshops in each community.

"We are happy to host the Northern Drama Festival again this year and welcome everyone to attend the performances on April 26 at 6:00 p.m. - come out and support these talented youth", says Edna Daigneault. Edna, along with Rossignol High School Principal Vince Ahenakew and Director of Education of the Ile-a-la-Crosse School Division Ernie Cychmistruk, has been very supportive of drama in the north and excellent hosts. Funding support for the Project and the Festival is from; the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport, Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund and the Northern Lights School Division #113.

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