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## **PCMA presents 4th Line new play reading on April 1st**

4th Line Theatre in partnership with the Peterborough Centennial Museum & Archives (PCMA) presents **Breaking Ground: New Plays in Development**; selected readings from a new 4th Line Theatre play *The Green Hill* co-created by **Robert Winslow** and **Dale Hamilton** on Sunday April 1st.

“We are excited to be reading excerpts from our new play *The Green Hill* as part of our spring Breaking Ground series,” says Artistic Director, Robert Winslow. “This script like all we develop is nurtured through our New Play Development Program which involves dramaturgical support; workshops and public readings prior to culminating in full production on our outdoor stages.”

The Green Hill is inspired by the growth pressures many rural Southern Ontario communities are facing. Set in the future, the play is very much a cautionary tale of what could happen if we allow unbridled growth to occur.

While the issues are serious, Mr. Winslow believes that “laughter is an effective way to deal with the themes,” and therefore has approached the subject matter through humor and satire.

Essentially a futuristic western, the play is peopled by cowboys, politicians, developers, environmental resistance fighters and citizens caught in the middle of the firestorm.

As part of 4th Line Theatre’s New Play Development Program the script is in its final public development phase. On Sunday, April 1st *The Green Hill* script creation process continues with a staged reading of a few scenes followed by a Q & A session.

“We encourage audience members to take an active role in our new play development process by providing Dale and I with your feedback,” says Mr. Winslow.

The Breaking Ground reading takes place at 2 p.m. at the Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives located on Museum Drive at 300 Hunter Street East in Peterborough. Seating is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

Admission is free and there's lots of complimentary parking.

This staged reading is made possible through generous support from the Laidlaw Foundation, ArtsVest (*Council for the Business and the Arts*), CIBC Wood Gundy, Champlain College at Trent University, CHEX Television, Peterborough This Week, Goodwin Design, Brant Office Supply, Mrs. D's Delicacies, Pappas Billiards, Nexicom Group, Ontario Arts Council and the Canada Council.

**Robert Winslow** is 4th Line Theatre's Artistic Director and one of Canada's leading theatre artists. His playwrighting credits with 4th Line Theatre include *The Cavan Blazers*, *The Winslows of Derryvore*, *Crow Hill: The Telephone Play*, *Fair Play*, *Two Rounds and a Square*, *Cavan Casanova* and *Doctor Barnardo's Children*.

**Dale Hamilton** is the Artistic Director of Everybody's Theatre Company in Eden Mills, Ontario. Ms. Hamilton has been writing, producing and directing theatre for over 25 years and has been instrumental in the "Collaborative Community Theatre" movement in Canada. She approaches playmaking from a community and individual spirit-building perspective, having witnessed the power of theatre as a catalyst for community enhancement and personal growth.

4th Line Theatre, Canada's premiere outdoor theatre company has made its mark on Canada's theatre industry as a producer, promoter and cultivator of new work with relevant local themes. The theatre company also preserves and promotes our Canadian cultural heritage through the development and presentation of regionally based, environmentally staged historical dramas. Located on the 5<sup>th</sup> generation Winslow Farm in Millbrook, Ontario the theatre attracts thousands of theatre-goers every summer to its picturesque outdoor stages.

The PCMA preserves and celebrates the collective memories of our community: stories, images and traces of the people and the land.

The partnership between the PCMA and 4th Line Theatre has brought new play readings such as *Canadian Vaudeville* (2005) and *The Right Road to Pontypool* (2006) to a new audience.

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