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Playhouse Selects Five Local Playwrights for Residency

GANANOQUE, ON- For the first time ever, the Playhouse has launched a Playwrights' Unit, designed to foster the talent of both emerging and established artists. After a rigorous selection process reviewing applications from across the province, five outstanding playwrights have been invited to be part of this exclusive initiative.

Artistic Director **Ashlie Corcoran** will provide artistic support throughout the process. "I am thrilled by the level of talent and craft that we saw in the numerous applications to participate in our first ever Playwrights' Unit," says Ashlie, "The five writers who have been selected bring a wealth of experience, ideas and creativity - and come from fascinatingly divergent backgrounds."

During their year-long residency, the playwrights will meet monthly to challenge and expand their individual projects, growing each into fully developed plays. In December 2013, the community will be invited to a free week-long public Play Reading Series to showcase each playwright's work with professional actors and offer an opportunity for discussion with the artists.

Since 1982, the Thousand Islands Playhouse has been producing live, professional theatre with talent drawn from across Canada. With two fully accessible venues housed in historic buildings and a panoramic waterfront view of the St. Lawrence River, the Playhouse has been named, "The most charming theatre in Canada." (CBC Radio)

Meet the Playwright's Unit:

Jessica Anderson: Recently won the RBC Tarragon Emerging Playwrights Award.

Lawrence Aronovitch: Current playwright in residence at the Great Canadian Theatre Company.

Douglas Bowie: Award-winning film/ theatre writer. Seven on his shows premiered at the Playhouse.

Sarah Dennison: Lifelong resident of Gananoque, recent grad of Theatre Studies- University of Guelph.

Craig Walker: Prolific actor/director has worked across the country, including Stratford, Shaw and the NAC.

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