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# FEATURED ARTIST

Donna Besel

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council revisits previously featured artist Donna Besel, an award-winning, best-selling author who enjoys visual arts, theatre, photography, guitar-playing, and song-writing. Besel knows the Eastman area well. She grew up in Whiteshell Provincial, went to Whitemouth Collegiate, and resided in Lac du Bonnet for more than thirty-five years. She now lives (and writes) on the Winnipeg River, near Powerview-Pine Falls.

Besel said, "In Manitoba, we have many well-known Winnipeg, Mennonite, francophone, and Indigenous writers. When Prairie Fire Magazine asked me to contribute two stories to 'Boreality Project,' a multi-media, four-season artistic interpretation of the boreal forest, I started to fully identify as a boreal writer."

Besel graduated from University of Manitoba with an English Honours Degree and studied education at Brandon University. In 2017, the University of Manitoba featured her in their alumni magazine (UM Today) in an article about overcoming adversity.

She said, "My favourite authors - Alice Munro and Elizabeth Strout. They write deep and astonishing stories about the realities of life."

Besel's writing has earned wide-spread recognition: CBC Literary Awards (three times), Canada Council for the Arts, Manitoba Arts Council.



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<http://winnipegriverarts.com/>

Her collection of short stories, *Lessons from a Nude Man*, captured fourth place on McNally Robinson's 2015 annual bestsellers list, along with two nominations from Manitoba Book Awards and a spot on Canada's Relit Awards. In 2016, she was artist-in-residence at the Deep Bay Cabin in Riding Mountain National Park. Her work has been featured on CBC Radio, and published in literary journals, anthologies, and magazines.

She loves writing of all kinds, leads workshops for writers of all ages, and has done presentations and workshops across Canada at universities, bookstores, libraries, conferences, forums, retreats, and Milner Ridge Correctional Institute.

Previously, Besel taught in Sunrise School Division. For the past nine years, she has worked in schools from Gillam to Sprague, leading creative writing workshops for students in kindergarten to grade twelve, supported by the Manitoba Arts Council's province-wide Artists in Schools program. Upcoming gigs include presentations at "Proutopia," the Winnipeg Beach arts festival (August 31 and September 1), and co-facilitation of "Wild Writing in the Boreal," a writers' weekend at Falcon Trails Resort (November 15 to 17).

Besel's message to writers: "You have something to say and you have the right to say it." Another inspirational quote comes from writer Anne Lamotte: "You own everything that happened to you. Tell your stories. If people wanted you to write more warmly about them, they should have behaved better."



Friday, November 29

7:30 pm

Pinawa Community Centre

Secure your seat by purchasing your ticket at available at the following outlets: Ingham Pharmacy, Pinawa Solo Market and Beausejour Music. Tickets will be available at the venue (Subject to availability)



The 8th annual writing contest for Grades 4-8

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*The Lac du Bonnet*

# LISTENING ROOM

*PRESENTS*



The Listening Room is proud to present Mary Louise Chown and Shannon Shewchuk for an afternoon of Stories and Songs. Known as the amazing storytelling duo, Firefly, these two women bring stories alive with songs, drums, and hammered dulcimer. Paying close attention to the music of language that connects the worlds of the ordinary and extraordinary, Firefly delves into a world of myths and legends, culture and history; teaching about the past and sharing the present with audiences of all ages.

Tickets are \$10 each for V.I.P. Members and Advanced ticket purchases, available at Ingham Pharmacy and \$15 at the door.

Doors open at 3:00 and the show starts at 3:30 on November 17, 2019!

For more information, please visit our website <https://sjccentre.ca/>





# ALLARD LIBRARY

Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library

*Discover the Possibilities!*

Join us at the library, from **Nov 12 - Jan 4, 2019** to help us decorate our Christmas Tree! The tree is made of felt for our younger patrons little fingers and is bound to keep your little one entertained while you look at books or simply just want to hang out and use our Wi-Fi or computers! We hope you plan to come spend some time at the

library during your Christmas holidays! We have an awesome list of in house library games planned for 2020. Traditionally, the library has an in house game set up in the library every second month throughout the year.



## Lac du Bonnet REGIONAL LIBRARY

*Pyjama Storytime*  
at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

**Thursday, November 14th**  
**6:30 pm - 7:45 pm**

Come dressed in your comfiest pjs, grab your favourite stuffed animal, and join us for a fun, family evening!

We will read stories, play games, make a craft and enjoy some milk and cookies!

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Everyone, get ready because on November 27th Chris Carmichael is playing live at The Listening Room!

People describe Chris Carmichael's music as meaty, rocking alt-country with a heap of blues. His haunting guitar tone recalls open Prairie skies, endless dusty highways and long, hazy nights. In short: Amazing!

Chris "Chopper" Carmichael is well-known for lending his undeniable guitar skill and incredible tone to some of Canada's premier blues acts like Sue Foley, The Perpetrators, Big Dave McLean, Righteous Ike, Romi Mayes, Sol James, the Scott Nolan Band and many more. His most recent recorded work can be heard on Ken Kansas's 2019 release, 'Ragged Poetry' and Lynn Hanson's 2017 release, 'Uneven Ground'. This past September, he is shared the stage with Steve Mariner of Juno Award-Winning Monkeyjunk and Lindsay Beaver of The 24th Street Wailers. His much-anticipated sophomore solo release is currently in the works. He is constantly working on new and exciting musical projects and is currently in 3 must-see bands: Driver, The Honeysliders and Mayes & Carmichael.



Tickets are \$10.00 for VIP Members and advance ticket purchases. \$15.00 at the door.

Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Show starts at 7:00 PM.

Reserve your tickets with us!

<https://sjccentre.ca/event/chris-carmichael-live-in-ldb/>

PINAWA PLAYERS 2019 PRESENTATION OF



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**THE GAME'S  
AFOOT**

OR, HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS



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WANDA WOODBECK

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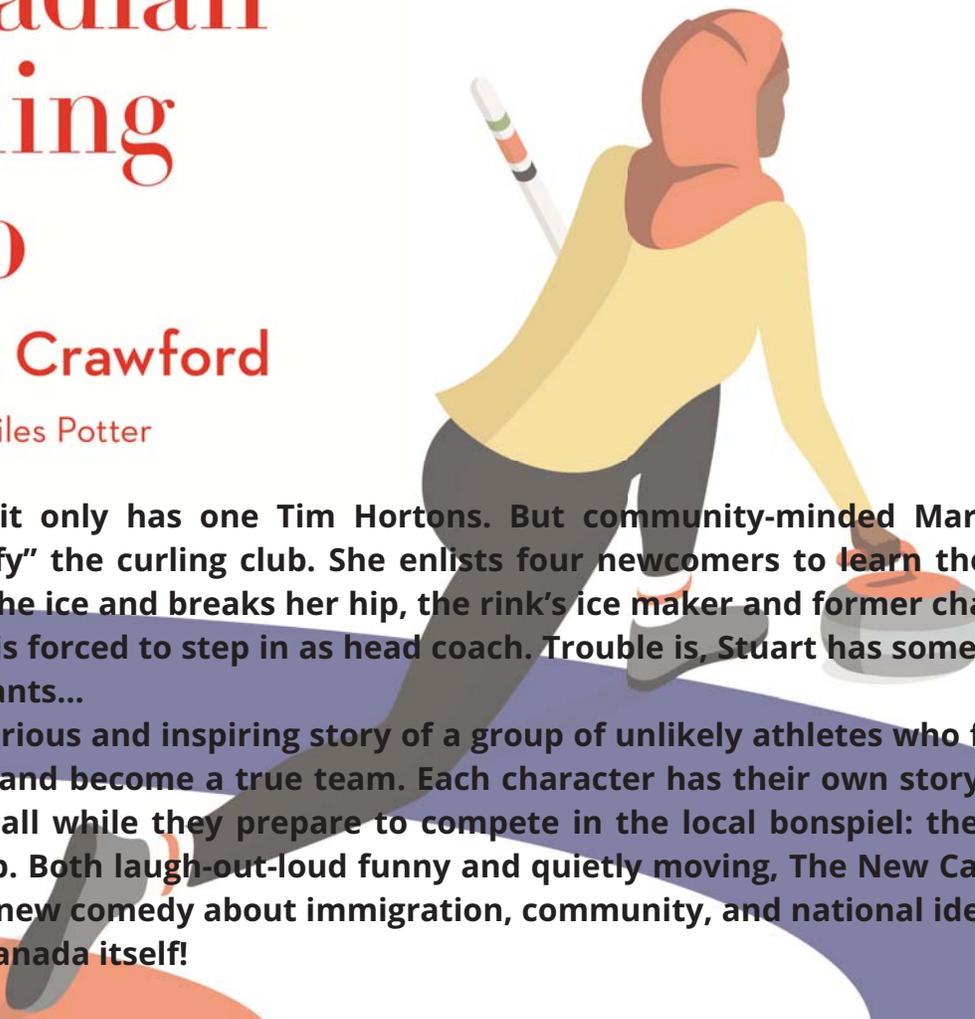
ROYAL  
**MTC**  
MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE

REGIONAL  
TOUR

# The New Canadian Curling Club

By Mark Crawford

Directed by Miles Potter



The town is so small it only has one Tim Hortons. But community-minded Marlene is determined to “diversify” the curling club. She enlists four newcomers to learn the game. But when she slips on the ice and breaks her hip, the rink’s ice maker and former champion curler Stuart MacPhail is forced to step in as head coach. Trouble is, Stuart has some strong opinions about immigrants...

What follows is the hilarious and inspiring story of a group of unlikely athletes who face off against local prejudice and become a true team. Each character has their own story to tell about life off the life—all while they prepare to compete in the local bonspiel: the highly coveted Highlander Cup. Both laugh-out-loud funny and quietly moving, *The New Canadian Curling Club* is a brand new comedy about immigration, community, and national identity—with a heart as big as Canada itself!

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

7 pm

Tickets \$25, Curling Teams \$80 for 4 tickets!

Tickets available at Ingham's Pharmacy, WRAC Office & from WRAC Boardmembers

WRAC Members contact Jennifer call/text 204 340 0889 or email [winnipegrieverarts@gmail.com](mailto:winnipegrieverarts@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets!