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ELT Is Not 'Gun Shy' ... Outrageous Comedy **About Modern Mixed-Up** Relationships



Photo: The cast and crew of ELT's GUN SHY: ELT's thespians: Theresa Laurenti, Dario Laurenti, Pat Poikkimaki, Thomas Morrow and Jason Morrow will mount the stage in mid-May. Michael Boivin, Mike Carré, and Linda Belisle lend their expertise off stage. Photo provided by ELT for Moose files

By Rosalind Russell - Marriage isn't easy ... And Richard Dresser's Gun-Shy is a no-holds-barred comedy about marriage, divorce, infidelity, infertility, incompatibility, eternal love, household accidents, and diets no one should try. Espanola Little Theatre will bring this comedic look at marriage and relationships to the stage next month.

It's like a day-time soap opera with a bit of 'Saturday Night Live' comedy all wrapped up in a tidy package, but not so tidy relationships.

Here's a bit of the story line: Evie and Duncan have divorced after 15 years. Evie is having a wild, tumultuous affair

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Tattoos – Humour Etched In Skin By Ink

I'm no fan of tattoos although they are proving very helpful in capturing really dumb crooks. It's been almost five years since the guy who robbed a 7-Eleven in Victoria, British Columbia was caught on the surveillance camera with his full name tattooed on his right forearm. The cops who arrested him are still shaking their heads. I'm sure if he'd had more space on those arms, he'd have given them his address as well.

Still, I'm a sucker for a humorous tattoo. I once saw a guy in Toronto wearing shorts and sandals and on each leg he had a solid black tattoo of a knee-high black sock. It killed me. (Black socks and sandals ... he must have been a German tourist.) There's another guy walking around out there with one foot missing its big toe and the tattoo: "Gone to market. Be back soon. Pig."

There's one four-piece tattoo on a man's leg that is both clever and bizarre at the same time. The top tattoo is that of an eye, below that a donut, then a carrot and finally the word 'ALL.' Get it? "Eye donot carrot all!" There's the man with the skin grown over his right ear and the words above it read: "Out of Order." Yet another, just above the butt crack shows a red arrow pointing downward and the inscription: "Insert Coins In Slot." I know what you're thinking but no, I checked and this guy's name was not Leston Lawrence from Ottawa who was recently convicted of smuggling \$180,000 worth of gold coins out of the Royal Canadian Mint ... in his rectum! Security became suspicious the day two Lucky Sevens appeared where Leston's eyes would normally be; a siren went off and 5,000 coins fell out the back of his pants and on to the floor.

The first time I saw a tattoo on a man was a long time ago during a hot summer when I played intermediate softball at Beamish Park in Welland, Ontario. It should have been a routine Sunday morning fastball practice except that the whole team came straight to the park from the catcher's wedding which had started the afternoon before. Fifteen players sharing the same massive hangover booted grounders, played pop flies off their chests and put their hands over their ears with each new crack of the bat.

We were a pretty fair fastball team. Besides great pitching from Francescutti and Stouck, a vacuum cleaner in the centre of the field by the name of Hank Fraser, Tony Vallerio who often hit the baseball into the soccer field beyond, our captain and inspiration Howie Doan; besides all that we had ... Ginzy.

Ginzy was the most naturally funny character I've ever known. If the world today had Ginzys Without Borders, most current wars would have to be cancelled on account of laughter.

The day Ginzy brought the Tattoo Man to practice, the team was in trouble. Besides a K-Mart cart full of aspirin and Alka Seltzer by the bucket, we needed a win. We had a slippery hold on second place and the playoffs were looming large. What Ginzy knew about baseball could be and in fact was, written on the cuff of his C & R uniform. But what our manager knew about human nature and the power of laughter, scientists are just now finding out.

"Take it off!" Ginzy told the Tattoo Man, who mumbled something negative and stood by the bench as we all crowded around him, his T-shirt still tucked in.

Even with his T-shirt on, the guy was a walking cartoon strip. When he flexed his right arm, Popeye on his bicep punched Olive Oyl on his forearm. On his other forearm, "Karen" had been crossed out, but "Mom" was circled twice in red.

"Take it off" said Ginzy a second time, but the Tattoo Man wouldn't budge until some sort of secret deal was struck that likely involved the cost of a four-coloured bald eagle swallowing a two-foot cobra across the back of his shoulders. Off came the T-shirt and the Tattoo Man stood before us, naked to the waist. The first player that saw it fell off the end of the bench. The rest of us followed in twos and threes and at least one

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guy starting choking on his own laughter.

The Tattoo Man was a hairy guy with one outstanding exception: a clean, bare two-inch strip across his chest that he had been shaving every day for years. This clean-shaven strip stretched the width of his chest and at the far end there was the perfect tattoo of a man pushing a lawn mower. Sorry, but to this day I tear up thinking about it.

Ginzy and the Tattoo Man gave us the lift we needed to go on and win it all that year. Not long ago I was sitting in a bar in Welland and Ginzy walked in with his women's slo-pitch team. When he spotted me he grabbed the large woman in a baseball uniform nearest him, put her in a headlock and wrestled her to the floor. Then he pinned her for the count of three and strutted around the bar with his arms in the air, acknowledging the applause. Guys! You might as well love 'em, because apparently shaming just doesn't work.

I'm still against tattoos but hey, if you're going to intentionally disfigure yourself you might as well go for the laughs.

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Express Coach Tom Mccarthy Comes Home



drafted #1 ahead of Wayne Gretzky in the OHL priority draft, where he went on to play 2 seasons with the Oshawa Generals, including a 144 point season in 63 games with the Gens.

"Coach Tom will play a very important role in the success of our organization in the upcoming season, as we owe it to our fans, sponsors and players

to build a competitive team to go deep in the playoffs this upcoming season, that our great community can be proud of," added Clarke. "We have a new approach to building our team this year and we are pleased with the results we have seen already. This is only one of the significant changes you will see this year as we revamp our image and culture from the ground up."

Coach Tom McCarthy has coached four of the past seasons in Espanola as Head Coach, helping many young student-athletes achieve their dreams and goals. During the 2016-2017 season Coach Tom decided to pursue his own dreams and goals of coaching pro in Europe and moved on to coach in the pro MOL ligue in Eastern Europe. Now he has returned to Espanola to his home and family to lead the Express in the upcoming season.

Findings In Spanish Train Derailment From 2017 Finally Released



A CULVERT, TOO MUCH WATER AND JOINT DEFECTS: It's taken almost a year and a half, but the Transportation Safety Board has finally released findings into what caused a derailment near Spanish back in 2015.

Back on Nov. 1, 2015, a Huron Central Railway freight train derailed. Three locomotives and 13 cars were involved.

The TSB findings reveal that the cause of the derailment involved a blocked culvert and joint defects. The cars had disconnected from the train where the track had collapsed.

Weather conditions area also considered part of the reason for the derailment. It was revealed that high levels of rain leading up to the train derailment had caused the roadbed to weaken. Some of the rail cars that had derailed were submerged in two feet of water and clay soil.

Upon inspection, the board found the track bed was destroyed for some 225 feet and there were 39 joint defects.

"These defects included 10 cracked or broken joint bars," stated the TSB reported. "One cracked joint bar was located at a rail joint that had been marked

during a rail flaw test due to the presence of an internal rail defect. "The remaining joint defects included loose, bent or missing bolts and broken or missing tie plates. At the time of the occurrence, no slow orders were in effect at that location."

It was concluded that the stress of water saturation had resulted in the reduced stability of the track. A concrete culvert at the site also had restricted water flow. The last culvert inspection had taken place back in 2013.

"These maintenance activities were generally required as a result of poor drainage. Despite the fact that Huron Central Railway had adopted the Transport Canada (TC) Guideline for Culvert Safety Management and had a history of track instability and frequent track maintenance, there was no indication that the problem was fully understood nor was a more permanent mitigation established."

If conditions related to drainage are not identified and fixed, it speeds up the process for the track to become unstable.

The board investigates transportation safety, but does not assign fault or determine guilt or criminal liability.

The Espanola Express Junior "A" Hockey Club is pleased to announce the return of NHL star player Tom McCarthy as Head Coach for the upcoming 2017-2018 NOJHL season.

"We couldn't be happier to welcome Coach Tom back home, as his 20 years coaching experience is matched by no other in the league," says Express General Manager Chad Clarke. Coach Tom McCarthy returns with his wealth of knowledge and experience to Espanola to

start the upcoming season. He is the only coach within the NOJHL with NHL experience. Coach Tom played 529 games in the NHL amassing 437 points with the Minnesota North Stars and the Boston Bruins (190 G, 247 A). Coach Tom played in both NHL Stanley Cup playoff games and NHL All-Star games as a star left winger. His credentials also boasts being



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First Nations Take Over Child Welfare In **Sudbury And Algoma Districts - Cas No Longer In The Picture**

It's been a long and hard fought have jurisdiction over the child battle, but First Nations across the North Shore will finally oversee the care of their children under agency care.

The seven First Nations along the North Shore are now in charge of child welfare for Aboriginal children.

Effective immediately, all child welfare concerns will flow through the Nogdawindamin Family and Community Services office.

The agreement cuts out the Children's Aid Society offices in the Algoma and Sudbury districts.

Among the First Nations included in the new set up are Serpent River and Sagamok-Anishnawbek FNs.

The toll free number to contact with child welfare NOG concerns is 1-800-465-0999.

On May 19th, a celebration will be held to recognize the new order for responsibility after decades of work.

Ontario's Regional Chief is praising the accomplishment of First Nations to once again welfare.

Isadore Day, a member of and the former chief of Serpent River First Nation, one of the communities affected by the move, says First Nations never surrendered their jurisdiction in the first place and spent years getting that control back.

He says now that NOG is in charge of child welfare, First Nations will see better outcomes for their families and kids.

Seven First Nations along the North Shore no longer have to concern themselves with the CAS, but rather they can start calling NOG with childrenrelated concerns.



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coffee salesman named Carter. Duncan finds himself with Caitlin, a young, extremely, weight-conscious gun-control lobbyist.

The foursome who are all well beyond taking any advice from anyone on their current 'state of affairs' eventually become snowbound in a New England cabin and the fun begins. Stinging sarcasm and doubleentendre barbed comments are counter-balanced with hidden soothing tidbits of love throughout the play. And when the heavy snow fall ends and the skies clear, Evie and Duncan's divorce is in shambles and true love endures.

ELT's thespians: Theresa Laurenti, Dario Laurenti, Pat Poikkimaki, Thomas Morrow and Jason Morrow will mount the stage in mid-May. Michael Boivin, Mike Carré, and Linda Belisle lend their expertise off stage.

Dresser's plays have been produced in New York. regional theater, and Europe. Below The Belt and Gun-Shy, both started at the Humana Festival at Actors Theatre of Louisville before moving off-Broadway.

A new play, Trouble Cometh, about two executives locked in an existential struggle against an impossible deadline premiered at the San Francisco Playhouse in the spring of 2015 and another new play, Closure, premiered in the summer at New Jersey Repertory Theatre in Long Branch, starring

with an aggressively insecure Wendie Malick and Gary Cole. Other projects include the book for a musical, Johnny Baseball (lyrics by Willie Reale, music by Robert Reale), about the Curse of the Red Sox, which premiered at A.R.T. in Cambridge, and moved on to the Williamstown Theatre Festival.

> A new bluegrass ghost musical, The Holler (also with the Reale brothers) was workshopped at the Williamstown Theatre Festival.

> He recently finished "Public Speaking: Three short films starring Treat Williams."

> Dresser has also worked extensively in television. He created the web series "Life Coach" for AMC starring Cheri Oteri. He is a former member of New Dramatists and twice attended the O'Neill National Playwrights Conference.

> He currently teaches at Rutgers and is on the board of the Writers Guild Initiative.

> ELT had originally planned to mount the play in March, but a principal actor was not able to be available and auditions had to be held once again. The company is busy getting ready to present GUN SHY to the public for the Mother's Day weekend. The play will be presented Thursday, May 11th to Saturday, May 13th weekend at 7:30 pm in the AB Ellis Public School gym with a Mother's Day matinee at 2:00 pm on Sunday, May 14th.

> Advance tickets are \$20 each. \$25 at the door. To order your advance tickets, call: 705-869-4834.



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Recipe

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Easy Pork Medallions with Maple-Balsamic Sauce

- •1/4 cup maple syrup (the real stuff!)
- •3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- •1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- •2 teaspoons dijon mustard
- •1 (1-pound) pork tenderloin
- •2 teaspoons vegetable oil, divided
- •1/2 teaspoon salt
- •1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- •1/4 teaspoon garlic powder



Combine the maple syrup, vinegar, and red pepper flakes in a small saucepan. Turn the heat to high and boil for about 3 minutes, until the mixture has reduced to 1/3 of a cup. Turn off the heat and whisk in the Dijon mustard. Meanwhile, slice the pork tenderloin into 8 equal pieces. Place four of the pieces between two pieces of plastic wrap and pound until they are about 1/4" thick. Heat one teaspoon of the vegetable oil in a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Season the pounded-out pork pieces with salt, pepper, and garlic powder. Once the oil is hot (3 minutes or so), add the pork pieces and cook for 90 seconds per side. Set aside on a plate. Pound out and season the remaining four pork pieces. Add another teaspoon of oil to the pan and cook the pork for 90 seconds per side. Return the rest of the cooked pork to the pan. Pour in the maple-balsamic sauce and cook for 1 minute.

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Community Living Espanola's 11Th Annual Yard Sale - Thursday, May 25th and Friday, May 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Front parking lot area of The Craft House, 345 Centre Street, Espanola, ON. Rain or shine (no early birds please)

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