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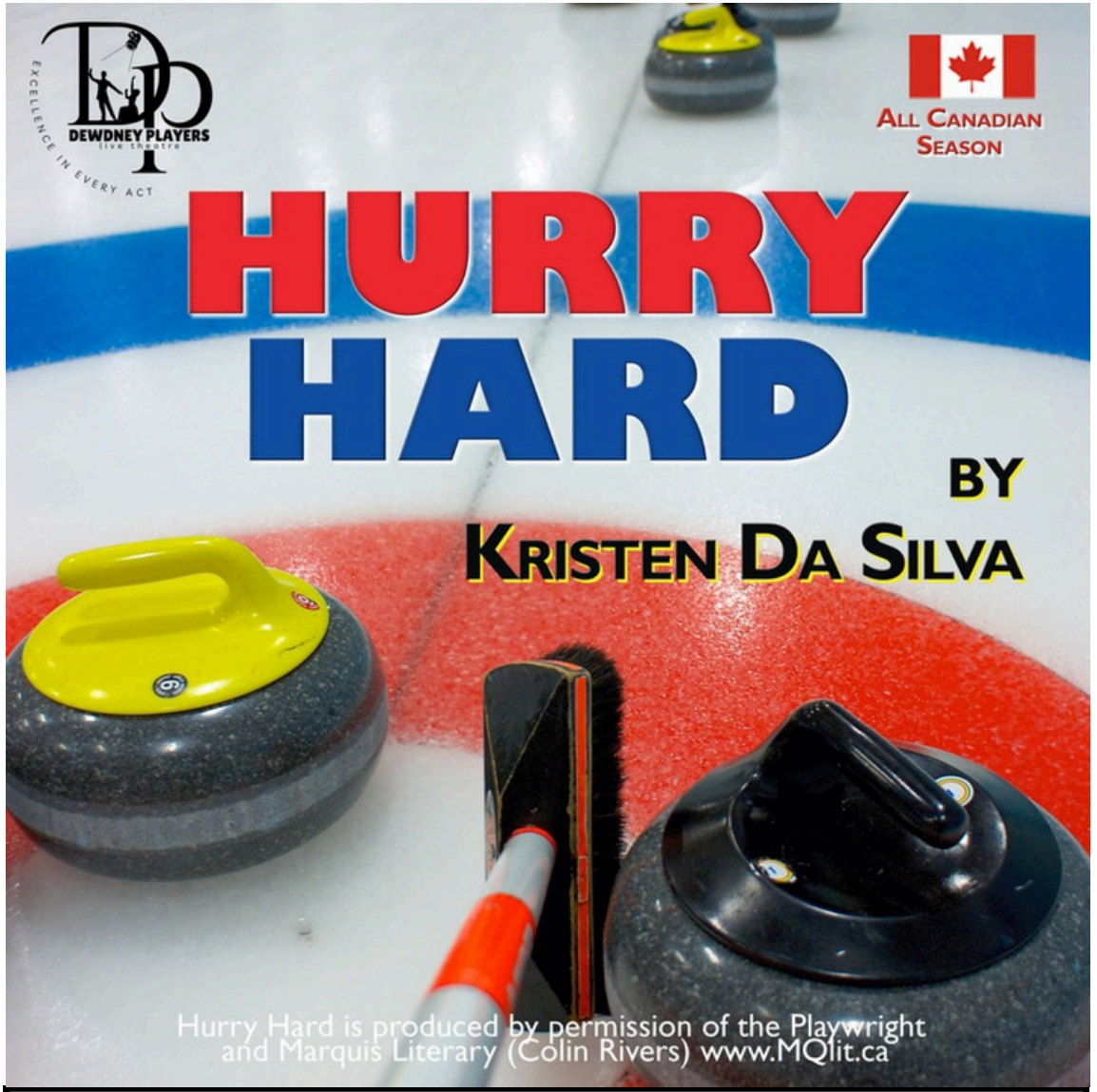
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BY

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Director's Note





Two of my favourite pastimes are curling and theatre, so directing Kristen Da Silva's *Hurry Hard* feels like a perfect coming together of two worlds I love. Both are built on teamwork, timing, a little bit of strategy, and the understanding that things don't always go according to plan. And both have a wonderful way of bringing people together.

Hurry Hard is a witty and relatable story celebrating small-town curling culture. But beneath the intense sweeping, the skip's enthusiasm, and the familiar calls of "Hurry hard!" lies a story that is deeply relatable.

For all the strategy, skill, and effort that go into a curling game, sometimes the ice has other ideas. You adjust, trust your teammates, and make the best of where the rock comes to rest. Life isn't so different. At the heart of Hurry Hard is the Okotoks Curling Club, a place where community comes together and where, for Bill and Sandy, the past has a way of lingering like a rock that refuses to curl. Their journey reminds us that it's never too late for a second chance, that old wounds can begin to heal, and that sometimes finding your way forward means having the courage to step back into the house after a long absence.

I hope you enjoy this production as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to life. Whether you're a seasoned curler or have never stepped onto the ice, there's something here for everyone - a few laughs, a little nostalgia and a reminder that life, much like curling, is always better when we're in it together.

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REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments may be purchased from the Concession downstairs in the basement - just follow the crowd! (If you're first, and don't know where to go, exit the auditorium, go down the stairs, turn 180° to your right, go down the additional stairs and through the door at the end of the corridor.)

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Dewdney Players participated in the Foothills Region One-Act Play Festival here in Okotoks and we are pleased to report the following successes!

Honourable Mention - Outstanding New Work

Kelvin D Hatch - *Who Said There Are No Stupid Questions*.

Congratulations to Strathmore Theatre Players Guild for their winning play: *Go Get 'Em Tiger*, which represented the Foothills Region at the Provincial One-Act Play Festival in Leduc.

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Cast



Cast

(in order of appearance)

Bill	Kurtis Sanheim
Terry	Stephen Buoninsegni
Darlene	Hollie Darel
Sandy	Christina Stoney
Johnny	Bryant Schroeder
Announcers	**'**Kevin Martin' - Brad Snowden
	'Cheryl Bernard' - Katherine Roblin

"Hurry Hard was commissioned and developed by Lighthouse Festival Theatre. Lighthouse Festival Theatre produced the premiere production in July 2019 (directed by Sarah Phillips).
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Kristen Da Silva is a member of the Playwrights Guild of Canada."

This Play will be performed in two acts with a 15 minute intermission

Go to www.dewdneyplayers.com to get all the news on our upcoming shows and to sign up for auditions. Join the fun!
We have an excitng line up of plays this season, including Hurry Hard, a new Youth Production, Bare Bear Bones, plus One-Act Plays in March!

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The Artists





Trish joined Dewdney in 2014 as a costume assistant for The Odd Couple – Female Version, and since then she has designed, constructed, acquired, altered, adapted, squeezed, stretched and fitted, and has excelled at clothing our 'meat puppets' in 40 plays.
Trish is the keeper of our ever-expanding (though recently thoroughly curated) collection of costumes and was responsible for our getting a grant to fund an inventory system. When not dressing actors or sorting costumes, Trish is an accounting wizard and a 'Motorcycle Mama' - known to bomb down the streets of Okotoks on a blue Can Am Spyder!



Stephen has been fortunate to work with the Dewdney Players Theatre Company in recent years. He is very grateful to be a part of this production and to be working with such a wonderfully talented group of professionals (the Director, Stage Manager, Producer, cast, crew, and all the volunteers).
He wishes everyone involved the very best throughout this run and in their future endeavours. "You are all stars."



Dayna is excited to be producing her latest Dewdney Players production, Hurry Hard! Having been involved in more than 20 community theatre productions, she has enjoyed being part of the Dewdney family both on and off the stage.
By day, she teaches at École Good Shepherd School, where she shares her passion for the arts by directing the annual school Drama production.
She thanks this talented cast and crew, along with her friends and family, for their continued support. Enjoy the show!



Hollie has been part of Dewdney Players since 2014 and is happy to be back on stage as Darlene in *Hurry Hard*. Most recently, she played M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias* and is now swapping Southern charm in for curling rocks, and brooms!
A big thank-you to her director, stage manager, and this fantastic cast and crew for their hard work, commitment, and countless volunteer hours bringing this show to life.
Community theatre takes a lot of time and heart, and she's grateful to be part of the fun. Enjoy the bonspiel!!

The Annual '**CAT Awards**' are an opportunity for Calgary community theatre groups to celebrate achievement in theatre production in the previous season.

For the 2025-2026 season:
Congratulations to Dayna Coles
Recipient of Dewdney Players' **Volunteer Award**

Congratulations to the following Nominees:
Dayna Coles – Steel Magnolias - **Outstanding Directo**r
Logan Coutts – Woman in Black – **Outstanding Sound Design**
Kyle Riege – Woman in Black – **Outstanding Lighting Design**

VOTE FOR DEWDNEY PLAYERS!

If you enjoy this performance of *Hurry Hard,* please consider helping us to get recognition by voting for us in one or more categories.
Go to www.dewdneyplayers.com and follow the "Vote for Dewdney" link at the bottom of the home page to enter a nomination for the Calgary ACTS' Annual CAT awards.
(Or you can use this QR Code to go directly to the Calgary ACTS website)

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Enter your information, Dewdney's information, and then vote!
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- The families of our cast and crew, for their love and support while we make magic happen on stage
- And to you, our audiences—for whom we exist!

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The Artists





Katherine is thrilled to be back for her second season with Dewdney Players as the Stage Manager for *Hurry Hard*! She feels incredibly lucky to be part of such a wonderful theatre community and to have the opportunity to work alongside the incredible director, Brad, and an extraordinarily talented cast and crew of both familiar and new faces.

Outside of Dewdney, Katherine also loves being involved in school theatre productions, where she gets to watch students find their voices, grow in confidence, and discover the magic of the stage. She is so grateful for the friendships, laughter, memories, and opportunities Dewdney continues to bring into her life.

Enjoy the show!



Debbie is a veteran of Dewdney Players who has been producing and acting since 1992. She was recently seen in last season's Steel Magnolias, in which she played Ouiser Boudreaux, and will be producing the One-Act plays next Spring.

She's delighted to be Front of House Manager for Hurry Hard and looks forward to being able to catch glimpses of the show in between front of house duties.

She wishes the cast and crew "Break a Leg" for the production!



Kurtis joined army Reserves 1990. Tour to Croatia '93 Balkan war, co-actively saddle bronc and bull rider in rodeo for ten years. Paratrooper, rank of Sergeant... retired 2006.

Mount Royal College Theatre Arts 1996-1998. Started acting in movie industry on *Lonesome Dove* for two seasons.

Then a Youth pastor/teacher, international evangelist/speaker, Okotoks Legion chaplain 2020. Peer support counsellor Operational Stress Injuries, and 20 years prison ministry Drumheller Institution.

Has been in over 45 film/TV roles including commercials, voices for cartoons, music video, multiple stage plays ... Kurtis continues seeking new adventures!



Bryant fell in love with theatre in Jr. High and got involved in several school productions, including two musicals at Holy Trinity Academy in Okotoks. After a long, depressing hiatus during University, Bryant returned to acting in 2024, joining Take a Bow Theatre in Cochrane. Here, he performed in *Marriage: A Demolition in Two Acts* in 2024, then Agatha Christie's *Go Back for Murder* in 2025.

This is Bryant's first-time joining Dewdney Players and he is excited to bring Johnny to life! His other hobbies include playing trombone, dancing, and procrastinating job applications.



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Brad is celebrating his 20th season with Dewdney Players, and *Hurry Hard* marks his 11th production as director with the company. He is excited to bring Kristen Da Silva's curling comedy to life, combining two of his favourite pastimes: curling and theatre.
Most recently, Brad adapted and directed *Winnie-the-Pooh* for a successful summer run, bringing the beloved stories of the Hundred Acre Wood to the stage. He is also thrilled to take on the role of Artistic Director of Dewdney Players, where he looks forward to creating exciting new theatre experiences for the Okotoks community.
Brad would like to thank everyone who continues to support live theatre and the local artists who bring these stories to life.



Christina is excited to take the stage once more with Dewdney in Hurry Hard. After having so much fun in the spring production of Steel Magnolias, she just had to come back for more! She is incredibly grateful to Brad for the opportunity to be a part of this hilarious play. Special thanks go to her daughter and son for encouraging her to audition, and to her friends and family for their endless support. Finally, she thanks the amazing cast, crew, and YOU the audience!
Anyone ready to help her get out on 'a sheet' for real is welcome to extend an invite after the run. Enjoy the show!

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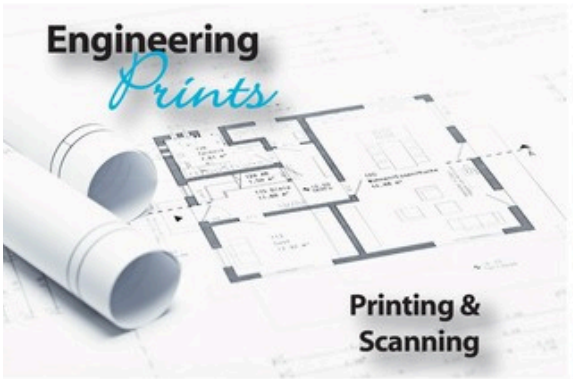
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