



A LEGAL ALIEN

by Chris Gibbs

AUGUST 17 TO SEPTEMBER 4

“A stand -up comedy show about Canadians, by someone who isn't one!”

“From England the land of William Shakespeare to Canada the land of William Shatner.” Chris Gibbs first came to Canada in 1995. He's met a Canadian who apologised for saving his life, been given more advice on bear avoidance than anyone could possibly need & spent more time than necessary wondering what it really means to 'drop your accent.'”



CHRIS GIBBS performer/creator

British comedian Chris has been performing all over the world since 1992. Aside from his one-man comedy shows he's been a street performing acrobat, a Canadian Comedy Award winning improviser, and has even worked with Steven Spielberg. Since early 2020 he has been working on a novel based on another of his shows, 'Not Quite Sherlock'.

Tony Sclafani production manager

Tony is in his 5th season with the PSFT and is elated to be a part of the 2021 season.

Tony is excited for the return of live theatre to Port Stanley. It is a wonderful, condensed season with great entertainment. He asks that we all stay safe and healthy, and that your applause rings through the streets for all to hear that live theatre is back in Port!



Riley Holdich sound technician

Port Stanley local light and sound operator, that has worked on shows for London's Original Kids Theatre, (shows including the aforementioned theatres renditions of Newsies and Mama mia). Now seizing the opportunity to assist with the Port Stanley Festival Theatre's shows and performances.



THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

Your safety is our primary concern. Safety measures apply to all patrons regardless of being partially or fully vaccinated. Patio closed. No formal intermission. Doors to theatre will remain open for duration of shows for patrons to enter and exit for restroom breaks as needed.

We encourage all audience members to follow provincial and local health guidelines.



BOX OFFICE SAFETY POLICY

Refunds up to 1 week before the performance.
Credits up to 3 hours before the performance.
(For more information please visit the website <https://psft.ca/covid-safety-plan/>)

ENHANCED PROTECTIVE MEASURES

- Mandatory face masks.
- Temperature check for patrons upon entry.
- Heightened cleaning protocols and hand sanitizer stations.
- COVID-19 self-assessment test prior to entry.
- Contactless Box Office check-in.
- Contactless Bar/concession for bottled water only.
- Use of high-quality air filters in A/C and heating units.
- Assistive listening devices will be cleaned between uses.
- Plexiglas barriers at point-of-sale locations.
- 2 patrons in washrooms at one time.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Reduced audience capacity to allow for physical distancing.
- Assigned, distanced seating.
- Staggered entry times for patrons.
- Two exit locations for patrons.

Theatre Staff /Volunteers & signage to help guests move responsibly.



**THE WAIT
IS OVER!**

*Theatre
Again*

Messages

Here We Go!

Well, it's been a long time, hasn't it? There was a while there when I wondered if we'd ever be able to welcome you back through our doors, but now that we can we are all so very, very, very happy to be doing so.

To be welcoming you back to Port Stanley, to the theatre, the galleries, the gift shops, and the restaurants that breathe life into our community. To be sure it will be a slightly different experience as we gradually ease our way towards a semblance of normalcy.

Our audience numbers will be limited, there will be protocols in place, staggered arrival times, and "relaxed" performance parameters, but there will be music and laughter, and it will be live!

So, there you have it. Here we go!

It won't be big, it won't be flashy, but boy will it be heartfelt! There will be a combination of "bring in" and home produced, of local and of long distance, there will something borrowed, something re-visited, with

artists who are both old friends and new. It will be safe, it will be happy, it will be a celebration!

Thanks for coming and thanks for standing by us during the dark times.

Now, let's bring up the lights.



Simon Joynes, Artistic Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the vibrant Port Stanley Festival Theatre. After 17 months of being in the dark, we are so excited to again have live performances grace our stage.

To our patrons, both new and returning, thank you for patience and support as we met the challenges of COVID-19.

Thank you also to those patrons who were in positions to donate financially to the theatre.

Your confidence in PSFT is sincerely appreciated!

Come for a show and experience the Port Stanley village atmosphere at its finest!



**Scott Shakir,
President and Board Chair**



Dear Friends,

Welcome back to the Port Stanley Festival Theatre! It is wonderful for the theatre to finally be able to reopen its doors and welcome guests. After 16 months of public health restrictions, I am so thankful that the Village of Port Stanley and the Port Stanley Festival Theatre are once again able to contribute to local tourism and provide a magical experience for visitors of all ages.

I am wishing the theatre staff, Board of Directors and all attendees an exciting season filled with fun at the Port Stanley Festival Theatre!

**Karen Vecchio, MP
Elgin-Middlesex-London**

"I am thrilled that the Port Stanley Festival Theatre is finally able to raise the curtain and welcome patrons back for the remainder of the season. After a very tough couple of years, what our community needs most is the vibrancy and connectivity that theatre brings. I commend the team at PSFT for their continued dedication to creating happy memories in Port Stanley."



**Jeff Yurek, MPP
Elgin-Middlesex-London**