



ACTRA Alberta E News

February 17, 2012

SAVE THE DATE

ACTRA Alberta AGM & Council Election

Saturday, June 9th in Calgary

ACTRA is looking for members to sit on the Nomination Committee – if you are interested, please contact Branch Rep. Tina Alford (talford@actra.ca).

ACTRA Elects New National Executive

Toronto – February 6, 2012 – ACTRA's National Council has elected a new National Executive to join National President Ferne Downey to form ACTRA's elected leadership.

The new team includes a mix of experience and new energy from across the country.

The National Executive beginning a two-year term is comprised of: Heather Allin (Toronto), Barry Blake (Ottawa), Cary Lawrence (Montreal), **Dan Libman (Alberta)**, Talia Pura (Manitoba), Alvin Sanders (British Columbia) and Theresa Tova (Toronto).

Alvin Sanders was acclaimed for his second term as National Vice President. He has held the post since being elected to replace Tyrone Benskin who stepped down in May 2011 after becoming a Member of Parliament. Theresa Tova was acclaimed for her second term as National Treasurer. Ferne Downey was re-elected to her two-year term as National President in May 2011.

ACTRA's new Executive is united and ready to lead the negotiations of the union's largest collective agreement, the Independent Production Agreement (IPA).

ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) is the national organization of professional performers working in the English-language recorded media in Canada. ACTRA represents the interests of 22,000 members across Canada – the foundation of Canada's highly acclaimed professional performing community.



Take a (CAVCO) number!

Sometimes 'take a number' means LESS hassle, not more. With a [CAVCO number](#), you will no longer have to carry personal documents or provide copies to production. Your number and a basic piece of ID will be all you'll need, helping to protect your privacy.

What's CAVCO?

The Canadian Audio-Visual Certification Office (CAVCO) is the federal government office that certifies Canadian productions and administers the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit (CPTC) and the Film or Video Production Services Tax Credit (PSTC) programs.

Why have a CAVCO number?

A CAVCO number is unique ID number assigned to you that you can provide to producers to prove you are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. It will save you carrying around your passport and other important documents to set.

Sounds good! How do I do it?

To get a CAVCO number, first register for an [access key](#) then apply for your CAVCO number on-line [here](#) if you have your documents scanned, or by mail with your photocopies and [this form](#).



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Rights
Society**

Get your money faster, sign up for direct deposit

Direct deposit is the fastest, safest way to receive your PRS earnings.

Simply complete the authorization form, return it to ACTRA PRS and we'll have your funds deposited directly into your existing bank or credit union account. With each deposit we'll send you a detailed confirmation that your cheque has been deposited along with your cheque payment details. To sign up; click on the link below:

<http://www.actra.ca/main/prs/direct-deposit-for-use-fees/>





NEW Arts & Entertainment Plan™

A clear benefit of Full ACTRA membership is access to ACTRA Fraternal Benefit Society's (AFBS) health and dental insurance coverage. We all agree about that – we need a safety net in this topsy-turvy world. But as Apprentice Members or ACTRA Additional Background Performers, you had to find other commercial insurance options. Until today. Today you have a brand new choice.

ACTRA has worked hand in hand with AFBS to create a new **Arts & Entertainment Plan™** offering health and dental benefits for you and your family. And there's no medical required.

Underwritten by AFBS, the **Arts & Entertainment Plan™** is a cost-effective health, dental and prescription drug plan designed to help fill in the gaps in provincial health care coverage.

Check it out at www.artsandentertainmentplan.com

Political Action

Union members are invited to meet the NDP Candidates running in Edmonton in the upcoming Alberta General Election

Guest speaker

Brian Mason, Leader, Alberta NDP

Tuesday, February 21st, 7:30 pm

hosted by the

Edmonton & District Labour Council (EDLC),
(across the avenue south of NAIT),

10425 Princess Elizabeth Avenue N.W.
between 117a Ave. & 116 Ave.,
east of 106 St. & west of 101 St..

Light refreshments will be served

For more information, please call 780-474-4747

What's Filming?

"Horses of McBride"

MFT - Calgary

Dates: February 22 - March 16, 2012

T: (403) 240-7867

F: (403) 240-7874

Production Manager: Linda Ambury



Production Coordinator: Joy Bond
Casting: Rhonda Fisecki
Background Casting: Marcy Hershon
Stunt Coordinator: NA

Other production notes:

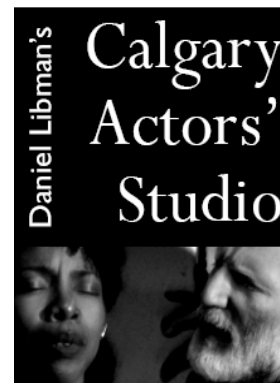
Hell on Wheels will be returning to Alberta and will produce 10 episodes
TS Spivet will be shooting in and around Southern Alberta in August for approx. 5 weeks

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/WORKSHOPS

Independent workshops and other professional development opportunities listed in the E News are not audited or reviewed by ACTRA in any way. We are not responsible for any false claims that a course provider may make. This is simply a resource that performers can use to find out what workshops are out there; it is up to you to get references and investigate providers.

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Calgary Actors' Studio
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Fall/Winter registration now open!



ZOCALO FILM STUDIO

www.zocalofilmstudio.com

Registration now underway for January (Winter Term)

“Like” us on Facebook page and receive updates.

1. Introductory (Camera Slates, One shots, Monologues, Full production value)
2. Intermediate (Ensemble scene full production, Two Shots, Script breakdown technique)
3. Audition and Protocol (Analyzing a character, IPA agreement, Audition and Marketing Techniques, on - set behavior)
4. Advanced class slated for Winter/Spring 2012 with full production shoot.

Now Opening a 2nd Introductory Class

Register soon, classes filling average less than a month of being posted.
Intermediate and advanced have only three spots left.



Now Taking Applications for the Summer Intensive Session

- Technical and Creative week one - Filming week two.

Three camera shoot = Broadcast, HD and special effects.

In addition to Acting... Writing, Directing, story boarding, wardrobe, sound, camera, continuity and editing will all be accomplished by the students.

Thank you very much for all your interest and support - another great year a waits!
A large number of our students have already enjoyed success on Feature Films and are now union members.

For more information, please contact:

classes@zocalofilmstudio.com



Stage-TV-Film

Now registering for Winter classes

Visit us at www.corogues.com

403-228-5526

Located in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Company of Rogues Actor's Studio teaches a deep and personal process of acting rooted in the New York tradition of authentic performance; offering professional Stage, Meisner, Television and Film training for the actor. For the last 30 years, our Co-founders (Joe-Norman Shaw and Christianne Hirt) have dedicated their lives to the craft of acting as working professionals, while sharing their passion with thousands of students -many of whom have successfully entered the professional world. Uta Hagen, principal acting instructor at New York's famed HB Studio, espoused: "Only he who can, should teach". At Rogues we adhere to this philosophy- our faculty is comprised of practicing film and theatre artists, recognized for their professional work in performance, writing and directing. Company of Rogues is a New York style studio offering the most comprehensive training program found in Western Canada. Our teachers have a deep understanding of the Craft of Acting and the ability to produce actors who meet industry demands.

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