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The Ghost and Fairy
Stories of Tom Dawe

*an original adaptation
by Susan Bonnell for*

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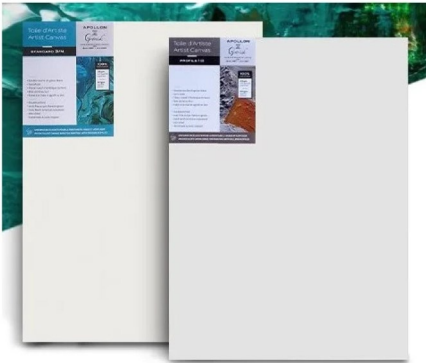
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Message from the Playwright and Director:

I think it's more than fair to say that Duckish has been a labour of love for me. I hope being here this evening is as enjoyable an experience for you as it is for all of us. Thank you for coming!

It's been just over two and a half years since Vicki Greenslade brought four people together to talk about theatre in Conception Bay South. From the start, we talked about doing something to honour Tom Dawe, an internationally recognized poet and author; born, raised and living right here in our community.

Mr. Dawe has been influential in my life in many ways. He played a role in my love for literature, poetry and the power of a story well told. When I swallowed up my nervousness and called him to ask if he would consider letting me adapt his ghost and fairy stories for Theatre CBS, in true "Tom" style he was humble and supportive... and was quick to tell me stories about my own family and his connection with them!

I would describe Tom Dawe's writing style as 'evocative.' His poems and stories take you right *into the middle* of an experience, and that has been our guiding philosophy for this production. Tonight, you are with us, inside the magical world created by these stories. It's duckish - that time just before dark, when you're not sure what's making those shadows - and you've got bread in your pockets to keep the fairies at bay. Ninety-five percent of what you will hear spoken tonight are Tom's words, shared with you by our very talented cast. Rehearsing with this dream team has been absolutely wonderful.

I have to tip my hat to our incredible crew, especially Jaclyn Dimmer, Maureen Chafe, Veronica Nugent and John Bonnell. You can see from the long list of people behind the scenes just how many hands it takes to pull off a production of this magnitude.

And on behalf of myself, Gord, Jacqueline and Brenda, thank-you to Vicki Greenslade for lighting the spark that got us all here tonight - celebrating a local author, at the world premiere of our first original work.

Does it get any better than this?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'S'.

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Adapted for the stage by Susan Bonnell

Based on stories from Tom Dawe's *An Old Man's Winter Night* and *Spirited Away*, published by Running the Goat, Books & Broadsides.

Texts ©Tom Dawe, 2015 and 2017, respectively.

Poems include: "Loon" (from *Pilgrim: New and Collected Poems of Tom Dawe*, © 2019); "Devil at the Dance" (from *In Hardy Country* © 1993); and "In the Heart of the Country" from *New and Collected Poems of Tom Dawe*, © 2019)

Director	Susan Bonnell
Producers	Gordon Billard, Jacqueline Cook
Stage Manager	Jaclyn Dimmer
Musical Director	Maureen Chafe
Technical Director	John Bonnell
Sound/ Lights	Frank Maloney
Set Design	Susan Bonnell, Veronica Nugent
Set Artwork	Colleen Dwyer, Undrea Norris Abigail Lovelady, Amber Wall, Omar Sanchaz Villagomez, Jade Fradsham, Temperance Gates, Shianne Coombs, Leah MacDougal, Madison Peddle
Set Construction	John Bennett
Puppets	Baptiste Neis
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Special thanks to: Deborah Clarke (Arts and Culture Centre); Holyrood Museum; Queen Elizabeth Regional High School; Town of Conception Bay South

Cast in order of appearance:

Patty

Tom

Jane

Mrs. Blake

Mr. Blake

Fairies

Dr. Gosse

The Woman in White

Sarah

Furne

Benjamin

Laura

Sam

Emmie

The War Bride

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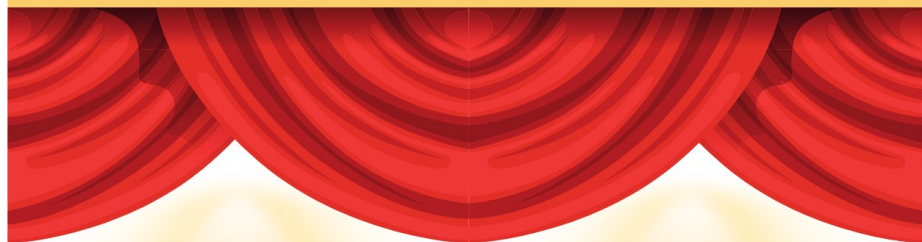
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