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### **Parker film Two Men, Two Cows, Two Guns is No. 2**

Two Men, Two Cows, Two Guns, a film by Halifax's Pardis Parker, has won the Jury Award for second place at the Twin Rivers Media Festival in Asheville, N.C.

Written and directed by Parker, who was born in Sri Lanka and raised in Halifax, the film stars John Dunsworth of the Trailer Park Boys and Levi MacDougall from the Rogers Wireless commercials.

The film's director of photography was Christopher Porter, who recently returned from Cannes where he attended the screening of Halifax filmmaker Noah Pink's drama ZedCrew, on which Porter was also director of photography.

Two Men, Two Cows and Two Guns features music composed and scored by Asif Illyas and produced by Shehab and Asif Illyas.

### **Masterworks award submissions due Friday**

Submissions for the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia's Masterwork Arts Award must be postmarked on or before Friday.

This is the fifth year for the award that honours all forms of contemporary art. The work must have had its first public presentation within the past five years and have a strong connection to Nova Scotia.

A nomination form is downloadable at [www.nsmasterworks.ca](http://www.nsmasterworks.ca).

### **Amherst society ups scholarship trust fund**

Showcase Productions Society, a not-for-profit organization in Amherst that celebrated its 20th anniversary in May, has increased its scholarship trust fund to \$100,000.

In June 1990, the society presented its first scholarship of \$1,000 to Kevin Corbett, who has since released several CDs and played with the band Blou.

In 2008, Showcase increased the value of its scholarship to \$2,000 each year, with one prize being awarded to a student graduating from Amherst Regional High School and another to a student in Cumberland County.

To date, total payouts are over \$85,000.

Showcase's first production, in 1990, was We'll Meet Again, a salute to veterans. Past shows have included Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Oliver, Jesus Christ Superstar, The Secret Garden, Hello Dolly, Seussical the Musical, Little Shop of Horrors, Lucky Stiff, No Way to Treat a Lady, Godspell, Honk, Children of Eden, Radio Gals, Sleeping

Beauty, Alice in Wonderland and Grease.

### **P.E.I. piping college has a new director**

Karen Hatcher became the new executive director of the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada in Summerside, P.E.I., on May 17.

Hatcher, a Summerside native, graduated from Mount Saint Vincent University's bachelor of tourism and hospitality management program. She is owner-operator of KHG Management.

Most recently she was sales manager for the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront hotel.

Hatcher began playing bagpipes in 1978 with the Cape Breton Gaelic Society Pipes and Drums. She currently plays with the 33rd Halifax Pipes & Drums.

She travelled to Holland to participate in the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland in 2005 and returned with the 33rd Halifax Pipes and Drums earlier this month for the 65th anniversary.

In 2007, she toured Scotland with the Canadian Massed Pipes and Drums, participating in various parades and concerts, including an opening performance for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

She has also participated in the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, and in 2004 travelled with the tattoo's Black Watch Association Pipes and Drums to Holland to perform in the Breda Tattoo.

For information on the society, visit [www.showcaseproductions.ca](http://www.showcaseproductions.ca).

### **Longtime Pictou choir director passes on baton**

After 19 years of directing, teaching and building the Pictou District Honour Choir, Monica George Punke is retiring as artistic director and conductor of the program's choirs.

Taking over will be Pictou choir graduate Scott Jones, a Mount Allison University graduate and graduate student in choral conducting from the University of Winnipeg. He will be assisted by his sister, Sherise Jones, also a choir graduate and graduate in music therapy from Acadia University.

Punke will continue her association with the Pictou District Honour Choir by directing the beginner choir for Grades 1-4 and by acting as voice coach for Grades 5-12.

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