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The LaSalle Theatre presents **WAKE**
October 3rd and 4th - LaSalle Theatre Lobby
For Tickets e-mail wake.lasalle@gmail.com
\$15 Adult - \$10 Student

The LaSalle Theatre presents the Northern Ontario tour of *WAKE*, a two-person musical theatre piece based on the famous final voyage of the world's loneliest man.

WAKE tells the true story of Don Crowhurst, an amateur sailor who participates in a solo race around the world in 1968. His sponsors agree to fund this venture, as long as Don promises to complete the race. If he drops out, he will have to buy the boat back from them, sending his family into bankruptcy. Within two weeks of departure from England, Don realizes that he and his boat are not suitably prepared, and will not survive a trip around the world, let alone win the race.

He faces an impossible decision: give up now and cause the financial ruin of his family, or sail forward into certain death. In his desperation, he conceives of an unconventional third option, and turns his journey into a tragic con game. This show is told through spoken word, and through the music of Jeff Buckley, who also lost his life in the water.

WAKE premiered August 2014 with Gros Morne Summer Music in Corner Brook, NL. It was created and is performed by Chris Jackman and Shari Porter, who are also the artistic directors of Lock and Keynote Productions, a company that has hosted musical theatre camps with JSANO.

Chris Jackman and Shari Porter currently live in Toronto. Shari works as a musical director, an accompanist, arranger, and teacher. Chris holds his doctorate in drama from the University of Toronto and teaches at Brock University. They were married in 2009.

"The LaSalle Theatre presents" is the production arm of "SaveTheLaSalle", a non-profit company and Charitable Foundation. SaveTheLaSalle is in the process of restoring the LaSalle Theatre for film and live theatrical presentations. As part of its charitable mandate to support live theatre in Northern Ontario, SaveTheLaSalle is thrilled to support Shari Porter and Chris Jackman with their tour of *WAKE*.

Oct 3 & 4
Kirkland Lake

Oct 17 & 18
Cochrane

Oct 24 & 25
Timmins

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Sudbury