

# News Release

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## “Tis a Grand (Christmas) Adventure”

It will be a Grand Christmas Adventure this year as the Theatre Royal takes part in Barkerville’s Old Fashion Christmas for the first time.

The Theatre Royal and Newman & Wright Theatre Company will be presenting three showings of Matt Quick’s “Tis a Grand (Christmas) Adventure during the Dec. 12-14<sup>th</sup> Christmas weekend.

“Tis a Grand Adventure” was one of the hits of the 2009 season and playwright and actor Matt Quick has adapted it for the Christmas season.

]“We have been wanting to take part in the Christmas weekend,” says producer Richard Wright, “and this year the venues and actors aligned. We present two shows at the Methodist church in Barkerville and will reopen the Singing Camel in Wells for an evening show. Marcello Sequeira is coming up to stage manage the show.”

]The play is the stories, yarns and tall tales that were never published (nor believed) in the Cariboo. This one-man spectacle, all told by the boundless energy of actor and playwright Matthew Quick, focuses on the little known people in the mining community of Barkerville. The plot revolves around a newcomer in the Spring season, Stephen Blank, who travels to Barkerville in mid-winter to inherit his uncle’s mine, a dog named "Horse" and his uncle’s two workers, Ed and Bernie from the Maritimes, who stay on with or without Stephen's consent. It’s a ‘fish out of water story’ about the trials, good times and little pay of Barkerville. “Tis A Grand (Christmas) Adventure” is a fast and funny comedy that (unfortunately) relates to those of all ages - a real kitchen party for the soul.

]The evening show is a chance for folks to stay in Wells overnight and take in a performance with dinner at one of the local cafes.

]Barkerville shows will be at the Methodist Church at 2 pm on Saturday and 1:30 on Sunday.

There will also be an evening show at the Singing Camel in Wells, across from the Hubs Motel, at 7 pm.

Admission is \$10 for adults at Barkerville and \$15 at the Singing Camel. Children are \$5.

“Tis a Grand Adventure”

Written and performed by: Matt Quick

Directed by: Peter Boychuk

Technical Director: Marcello Sequiera and Ted Harrison

Producer: Richard Wright and Amy Newman