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MARKET HALL **PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE**

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The ongoing adventures of a blue eyed Ojibway An Evening with Drew Hayden Taylor

On Thursday April 26th, The Market Hall presents the Bright Lights, a series of talks with great artists from the Peterborough area. An intimate evening of conversation and performance with one of Canada's leading writers, whose plays have been performed across Canada and around the world.

Hosted by Yvette Nolan, Artistic Director, Native Earth Performing Arts (Toronto), the first evening will feature DREW HAYDEN TAYLOR as he reveals the hidden truths and little known secrets of growing up in Curve Lake and coming of age in the late 80's boom of Indigenous theatre in Canada.

Featuring readings from Drew's newest work, including his latest play, Heat Lightning, and his soon-to-be-published first novel The Night Wanderer: A Native Gothic Novel.

"Our 'evening with....' will feature Drew with an interviewer who will blend performance and conversation into a dynamic, interactive and entertaining presentation", says Karen August, general manager of Market Hall. "This format puts audiences in touch with artists in a new way. It is a unique opportunity for an audience to learn about an artist's creative process and be educated and entertained simultaneously."

Drew Hayden Taylor has written, directed, or worked on approximately 17 film and video documentaries about Native issues. During an experimental journalism phase in his life, Drew spent a year and a half with CBC Radio as a Native Affairs reporter and later dabbled with Macleans, This Magazine, The Globe and Mail, Now Magazine, Southam News, and various other periodicals.

As well as his writing, Taylor has been the artistic director of Native Earth Performing Arts, and has taught at the Centre for Indigenous Theatre. In 2004 he was appointed to the Ontario Ministry of Culture Advisory Committee.

Thursday, April 26, 2007, 8pm

Market Hall, Peterborough

Tickets: \$12 / \$6 students, seniors, underemployed. Available at:

Titles Bookstore, Peterborough Nijkiwendidaa Anishnaabe-Kwewag Services Circle, Peterborough and Happenstance Books & Yarns, Lakefield

More information: (705) 749-1146 or www.markethall.org

Proceeds of this benefit event are being shared between Market Hall and Nijkiwendidaa Anishnaabe-Kwewag Services Circle. Each event in the Bright Lights series will be filmed by Cogeco-TV for later broadcast and use as an educational resource for students.

The Market Hall Performing Arts Centre is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to sustain, nurture and develop the performing arts in Peterborough's historic Market Hall.