

## ENGLISH DRAMA AND SPEECH ARTS DIVISION



### Adjudicator – Robin Taylor Wright


Robin Taylor Wright--director, producer, and playwright--has authored many notable works, including: *Home for Boys* (Brighton Fringe Festival; UC Follies Theatre, Toronto; Refinery Theatre, Saskatoon); *The Maidenwar* (Theatre Double Take, Toronto); *Fireproof* (Pink Parasol, Fort Frances; Whelan's Gate, Toronto); and *Don't You Dare Run Away* (The Bunker Performance Lounge, Stratford). Among his inspirations, Robin cites playwrights Sarah Polley and David Young, director Norio Deguchi, author John Steinbeck, and the bands Fugazi and The Minutemen--and he credits *The Legend of Zelda* with encouraging his fascination in the building and bridging of worlds and multiple universes.

Embracing a DIY ethos, Robin's company--Laughing Cactus Productions--focuses on the creation of new works in unconventional spaces. Robin's scripts do not occupy these spaces as much as they transform them. Like a literary alchemist, he mixes uniquely specific experiences with echoes of our universal one to reveal situations that resonate with his audience long after the final act. Whether set in a natural or a mythical space, Robin's tender, and often comical, treatment of character and relationships invites his audience to imagine and participate in curating the worlds he presents.

Robin's *Home for Boys* will see a four-show run at the Fort Frances Knox United Church during the first week of November, 2026.

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**JUNE 5-7, 2026 - WINNIPEG, MB**

**ENGLISH DRAMA AND SPEECH ARTS DIVISION**  
Tuesday March 31, 2026, Morning Session, Townshend Theatre  
**ADJUDICATOR: Robin Taylor Wright**

**NOTE: CONTESTANTS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE 10 MINUTES  
PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SESSION**

**9:30 a.m.**

**CLASS D308 English Drama, Choral Speaking, Grade 3**

- C 1. Robert Moore School Gr 3 (Ms. A. Norris)  
"Skeleton House," by Laurence Smith

**CLASS D809 English Drama, Skit, Grade 8**

- C 1. Cornerstone Christian School Gr 6-8 (Ms. Y. Veldhuisen)  
"Unashamed," A Shadow Drama  
- Music and lyrics by Matthew West.  
- Choreography by the Grade 7/8 class at Cornerstone Christian School



**ENGLISH DRAMA AND SPEECH ARTS DIVISION**  
Tuesday March 31, 2026, Afternoon Session, Townshend Theatre  
**ADJUDICATOR: Robin Taylor Wright**

**NOTE: CONTESTANTS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE 10 MINUTES  
PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SESSION**

1:00 p.m.

**CLASS D1101 English Drama, Serious Solo Poetry, Grades 11 and 12**

- C 1. Jameer Corneille  
"Ulysses," by Alfred Tennyson

**CLASS PSA9067 English Drama, Solo Spoken Poetry, Classical, Grades 10-12**

- C 1. Alexis Latter  
"I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud," by William Wordsworth

**CLASS D1102 English Drama, Humorous Solo Poetry, Grades 11 and 12**

- C 1. Khloe Morrison  
"Did I Miss Anything?" by Tom Wayman

**CLASS D1104 English Drama, Serious Prose Reading, Grades 11 and 12**

- C 1. Khloe Morrison  
Excerpt from "The Tell-Tale Heart," by Edgar Allen Poe

**CLASS D1105 English Drama, Humorous Prose Reading, Grades 11 and 12**

- C 1. Jameer Corneille  
"Officer, Arrest That Book!" by Gary Lautens

**CLASS PSA9134 English Drama, Solo Reading, Canadian Prose, Grades 10-12**

- C 1. Alexis Latter  
"Wartime Conditions," A Visit from Mr. Lucifer, by Don Lemma

**CLASS D1117 English Drama, Quick Study, Grades 11 and 12**

*Selections will be chosen by the Adjudicator and distributed by the Festival Committee.*

***Selections must be picked up 48 hours before the performance (Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>).***

- C 1. Khloe Morrison  
C 2. Jameer Corneille  
C 3. Alexis Latter

**CLASS D1106 English Drama, Sight Reading, Grades 11 and 12**

**NOTE: THIS CLASS IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. ONLY THE ADJUDICATOR AND THE ADJUDICATOR'S ASSISTANT MAY REMAIN.**

- C 1. Jameer Corneille
- C 2. Alexis Latter
- C 3. Khloe Morrison



**ENGLISH DRAMA AND SPEECH ARTS DIVISION**  
Tuesday March 31, 2026, Evening Session, Knox United Church  
**ADJUDICATOR: Robin Taylor Wright**

**NOTE: CONTESTANTS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE 10 MINUTES  
PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SESSION**

6:00 p.m.

**CLASS D308 English Drama, Choral Speaking, Grade 3**

- C 1. Olivia Sivonen and Marlena Johnson  
"Alarm," from the *RRDFPA Resource Manual*

**CLASS D401 English Drama, Serious Solo Poetry, Grade 4**

- C 1. Rebecca Margison  
"The Paragon," by Bobbi Katz

**CLASS D302 English Drama, Humorous Solo Poetry, Grade 3**

- C 1. Nash McMahan  
"Millicent's Mother," by Jeff Moss

**CLASS D202 English Drama, Humorous Solo Poetry, Grade 2**

- C 1. Mackenzie Christian  
"The Sneeze," by Sheree Fitch

**CLASS D402 English Drama, Humorous Solo Poetry, Grade 4**

- C 1. Bristol Christian  
"Spaghetti! Spaghetti!," by Jack Prelutsky  
C 2. Rebecca Margison  
"No Thank You," by Shel Silverstein

**CLASS D916 English Drama, Shakespearean Soliloquy or Monologue, Grades 9 and 10**

- C 1. James Gagne  
Antigonus: *The Winter's Tale* (III, iii, 19-61).

**CLASS D1116 English Drama, Shakespearean Soliloquy or Monologue, Grades 11 and 12**

- C 1. Khloe Morrison  
Lady Macbeth: *Macbeth* (I, vii, 69-82).  
C 2. Jameer Corneille  
Macbeth: *Macbeth* (I, vii, 1-28).

**CLASS PSA9093 English Drama, Dramatic Monologue, Own Choice, Grades 10-12**

- C 1. Alexis Latter  
Cleopatra: *Antony and Cleopatra* (V, ii, 59-72).

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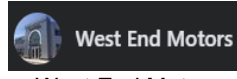
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