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## **Chickens Come Home to Roost - Then Fly the Coop**

(Ottawa) Saturday evening, March 26<sup>th</sup> **The Ottawa Theatre Challenge** returned to the Fourth Stage of the NAC for the 11th year and for a few hilarious hours the coveted **Rubber Chicken Award** roosted in residence but it wasn't to be for long!

Seven fearless theatre companies took on the challenge to create and present an original work of theatre based on three objects of inspiration provided to them just 48 hours before. The competition was fierce with feathers, a talking carrot, gift baskets and all manner of baked goodies sullyng the atmosphere around the easily swayed judges; **Richard Cliff, Heather Marie Connors and Natalie Joy Quesnel**. When the dust settled and the votes were tallied one company alone had something to crow about!

**A Company of Fools**, represented by the team of **Al Connors** and **Scott Florence** chosen by the judges as **Best Theatre Company in Ottawa**, accepted the coveted **Rubber Chicken Award** from the evenings emcee, **Teri Rata Loretto**. Other awards went to: **Suzart Productions**: Best Commitment to Theatre Design. **Plosive Productions**: Best Shameless Plug By a Hostess Award, **Rock the Arts**: Best Martial Arts Slo-Mo Sequence, **Once Upon a Kingdom**: Most Unbelievable Presentation of an Exquisitely Constructed Baked Bribe – EVER AND Cutest Damn Kids awards. **Black Sheep Theatre** was recognized for Best Russian Momma Joke, and **Vintage Stock** for Best Style In a Genre Based Work.

The World International Theatre Day address was read by **Jan Irwin**

**The Ottawa Theatre Challenge**, hosted each year by A Company of Fools, is a Celebration of International World Theatre Day. The Challenge brings together theatre Companies from across the region for an evening of fun and allows the participants to give back to the community that supports them throughout the year.

This year the **Ottawa Theatre Challenge** raised over \$1600. for the **CHEO Foundation**.

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