

Press Release – August 21, 2009
Victoria Fringe Theatre Festival 2009 & Classics With A Twist
Present

FULL BLAST

August 28 – September 6 @ Victoria College of Art and Design Gallery at UCW (950 Kings Road)

Tickets: \$9 General, \$7 Students/Seniors: (250) 383-2663 www.intrepidtheatre.com

Running Time 55 Minutes - Comedy

Mila Johansen, an internationally acclaimed California playwright, brings the comic splash, **“Full Blast”** to the 23rd Annual Victoria Fringe Festival.

“Full Blast” is for anyone who can laugh, all ages, all genders. It is a smart, bold, and touching comedy about **Victoria**, a desperate, aging, unmarried, pre-menopausal woman who takes over a theatre after yet another failed audition. A name change is just what the psychiatrist ordered, but how will she tell her sensitive mother? Her cell phone is constantly ringing. The costume rack is at her disposal. Pirates... anyone? The directors and the janitor are trying to kick her out, but she is setting up housekeeping right before their eyes. She goes swimming—on stage! She orders Pizza—it’s delivered! Dysfunctional? Yes! But, there is a surprise ending! As the chaos ensues every audience member will recognize someone they know or even dysfunctional parts of themselves. Cookies are served to the entire audience during the show introducing the ancient art of **“cookie therapy”**.

Mila Johansen has written more than fifty plays and musicals that circle the globe. She is the author of two theatre books, **“101 Theatre Games”** and **“50 Scenes To Go.”** Mila’s inspirational roots came from her grandmother, **Jessie Haver Butler**, who was a famous suffragette and the first woman lobbyist at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. Jessie taught **Eleanor Roosevelt** the art of speech making and lectured all over London with **George Bernard Shaw**. Tagging along with Jessie in her later years, Mila was introduced to several Hollywood celebrities who sparked her acting career, including **Marlo Thomas and Jane Fonda**.

Mila is the founder and Artistic Director of The Nevada County Performing Arts Guild which is an award winning theatre company entering it’s 25th year of producing three major productions a year.

On a more earthy note, Canadians may be more familiar with the name **Johansen** for the **Organic Satsuma Mandarins** that Mila and her husband grow, pack, and send in massive amounts to British Columbia and points beyond each year. “Our biggest market is in Canada. They buy the most fruit of anyone. We love the Canadian market and the Canadian truck drivers.”

For media queries and to arrange previews or interviews, please contact Mila Johansen
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For high-resolution images, go to <http://www.intrepidtheatre.com/fringe09gallery/index.htm>
or http://www.johansenranch.com/fullblast_VictoriaFringe_pressinfo.htm

Venue 7 - Victoria College of Art and Design Gallery at UCW (950 Kings Road)

Friday, August 28, 6:00

Saturday, August 29, 4:15

Sunday, August 30, 9:30

Wednesday, Sept 2, 6:15

Thursday, Sept 3, 8:00

Sunday, Sept 6, 3:30

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