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CENTENNIAL | 1918-2018

ARMISTICE 18

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Cortège by Charles Pachter

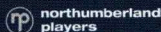


September 21 - November 11, 2018.

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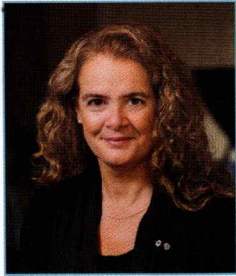
55 King St. W., Cobourg or call 1.855.372.2210

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL · LA GOUVERNEURE GÉNÉRALE



It is a pleasure to send greetings to all those attending Armistice '18 presented by the Town of Cobourg, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Throughout the program, which runs to Remembrance Day – exactly 100 years from the signing of the armistice – plays, music, art, exhibits and speakers will bridge the decades, transporting us back to the signing of that formal agreement and the hope that came with the cessation of hostilities. Armistice '18 will honour the memory and history of Canadians who valiantly served in the name of freedom.

It is our duty to remember and to honour the sacrifice and courage of those who have fallen in battle, and to never forget the horrors of war. We shall continue to work together towards a more peaceful world and use the power of art and dialogue to invite all to contemplate a better future and inspire us to keep on dreaming.

I wish you all a memorable program.



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On August 5, 1914, a contingent of Cobourg men marched off to war. Over the next four years the Town of Cobourg gave unflagging support to the soldiers caught up in a conflict that would forever change Canada – and Cobourg.

ARMISTICE18 - THE HISTORY

Ten years after the end of WWI, Cobourg's Old Bailey Court Room was the scene of a sensational trial that has been called "the last battle of the Great War." The case was a libel suit brought by Sir Arthur Currie, the general who had led the Canadian Corps to victory in 1918. The cause of his grievance was a front-page article in a Port Hope newspaper which claimed that Currie had needlessly wasted Canadian lives in the capture of Mons on the last day of the war. The trial placed Canada's entire role in the Great War under a spotlight and kept the country riveted for weeks. A new play about this epic trial is the centerpiece of Armistice18, a seven-week arts festival commemorating this pivotal era in our history.



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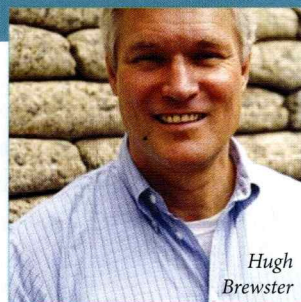


Elora Singers

MUSIC

COBOURG'S GREAT WAR IN WORDS, IMAGES AND SONG

For one night only - an unforgettable depiction of the events of 1914-18 and the remarkable part played by the men and women of Cobourg. Historian Hugh Brewster and celebrated actress Brigitte Robinson narrate the spellbinding history with a multimedia screen show and beautiful choral music by the award-winning Elora Singers.

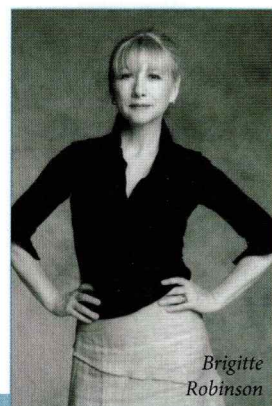


*Hugh
Brewster*

**Saturday, September 29, 8:00 pm,
Trinity United Church, 284 Division Street,
Cobourg. Reception to follow.**

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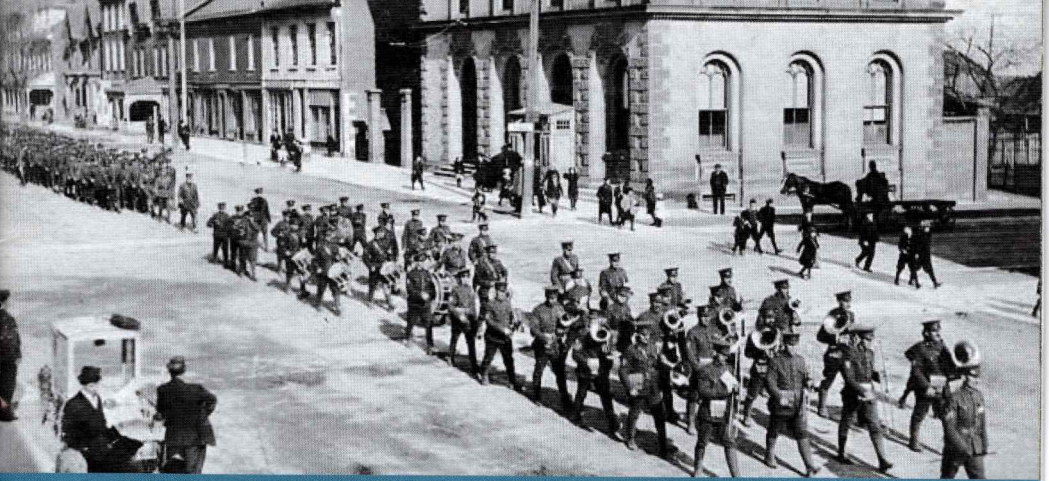
*Brigitte
Robinson*

OPENING CEREMONY

Join a host of VIPs for the gala opening of Armistice18.
Music, entertainment and a light lunch will be provided. All are welcome!

**Sunday, September 30 at 12 noon
Concert Hall at Victoria Hall, 55 King Street West, Cobourg.**





THE POPPY TRAIL

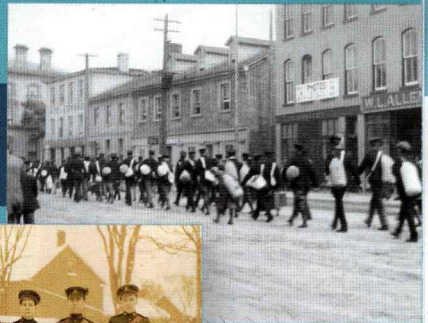
COME WALK OUR HISTORY



Acclaimed as one of Ontario's most beautiful towns, Cobourg also has a fascinating past. When war was declared on August 4, 1914, Cobourg's harbour was dotted with yachts, its many hotels were filled with visitors, and wealthy Americans were hosting garden parties at their large summer homes by the lake. Yet the very next day, the men of the Cobourg Heavy Battery marched off to war and for the next four years, Cobourg would do its all for King and Empire.

This fall visitors will be able to experience Cobourg's Great War history in a unique way. Over 20 sites with World War I significance will be highlighted with signs and historic photographs. A free printed guide will provide an informative self-guided walking tour of the Poppy Trail. And on the weekends (Oct. 14 - Nov. 4) knowledgeable guides will provide walking tours of the Poppy Trail in the town's historic downtown.

Tour information and the Poppy Trail guide will be available in the lobby of Victoria Hall and online at Armistice18.ca.



Photos courtesy of Cobourg Public Library



HISTORY & ART EXHIBITIONS

THE GREAT WAR EXHIBITION: ART • PHOTOGRAPHY • ARTIFACTS

The Concert Hall in Victoria Hall will present the following exhibits:

The Great War in Colour: Archival photographs of Canadians in WWI that have been carefully restored and colorized under the sponsorship of the Vimy Foundation.

Canada's Hundred Days: Remarkable panoramic photographs by William Rider-Rider document the advance to victory of the Canadian troops in 1918.

The Battle of Hill 70: A museum display tells the story of this epic 1917 battle and the new monument erected to commemorate it.

Trench Art • Trench Life: Features objects created by WWI soldiers from the collection of Garnet Barber along with artifacts from the Royal Canadian Military Institute and family archives.

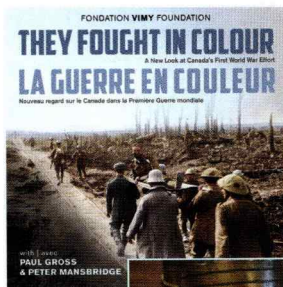
Short Film: Return to Vimy.

Exhibition Showtimes

Location: Concert Hall at Victoria Hall
55 King Street West, Cobourg.

Dates: September 30-November 11

Times: Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday to Sunday from 12 - 4 p.m.





Cortège

LEST WE FORGET: PAINTINGS BY CHARLES PACTER COMMEMORATING THE FIRST WORLD WAR

The Art Gallery of Northumberland hosts artist Charles Pachter's outstanding series of contemporary Canadian paintings on World War I themes. Pachter is one of Canada's leading contemporary artists and has been exhibited at the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Royal Ontario Museum, and the McMichael Gallery.

Exhibition Showtimes

Location: Art Gallery of Northumberland
Victoria Hall, West Wing, 3rd Floor,
55 King Street West, Cobourg.

Dates: September 22 - November 11

Times: Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday to Sunday from 12 - 4 p.m.

Talk by Charles Pachter:

Date: Saturday, October 20 at 2 p.m.



Charles Pachter



The Healers



Remembrance Day Poppy



Cobourg women and soldiers
Source: Robert Mabel

THEATRE

MARY'S WEDDING

by Stephen Massicotte

The Northumberland Players present this popular and powerful play highlighting the last great cavalry charge of the war.

Theatre Showtimes

Location: Firehall Theatre,
213 Second Street, Cobourg.

Dates & Times: September 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29
October 4, 5, 12, 13 at 8 p.m.
September 23 & 30 | October 14 at 3 p.m.

THE STARS ON HER SHOULDERS

By Stephen Massicotte

A staged reading of a brand-new play about Canadian nurses in WWI.

Theatre Showtimes

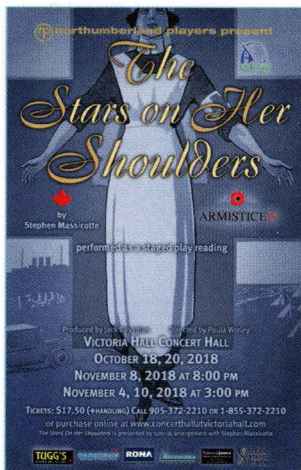
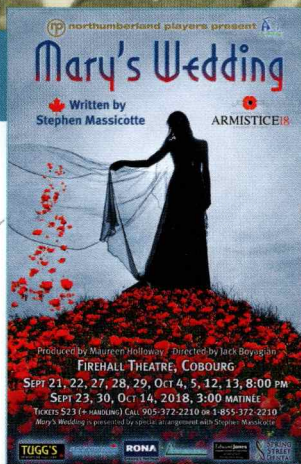
Location: Concert Hall at Victoria Hall,
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Dates & Times: October 18 & 20 | November 8 at 8 p.m.
November 4 & 10 at 3 p.m.

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LAST DAY, LAST HOUR

Canada's Great War on Trial

By Hugh Brewster

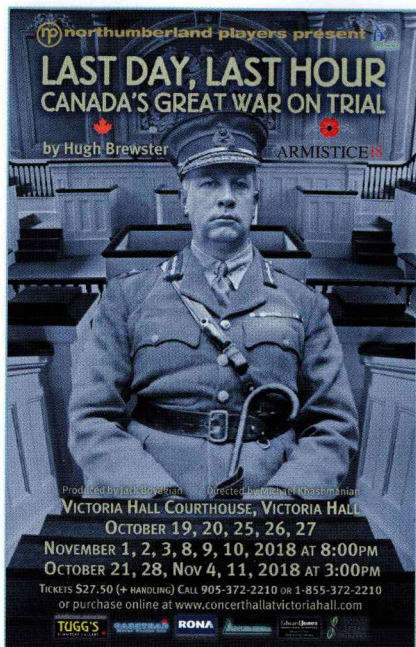
This new play recreates the charged atmosphere of the 1928 Arthur Currie libel trial in the historic courtroom in which it all took place. Directed by Michael Khashmanian of the Beech Street Theatre Company and produced by Jack Boyagian and the Northumberland Players.

Theatre Showtimes

Location: Old Bailey Court Room, Victoria Hall, 55 King Street West, Cobourg.

Dates & Times:

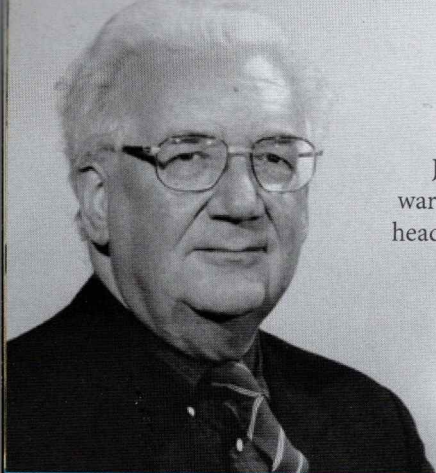
October 19-20, 25-27,
November 1-3 & 8-10 at 8 p.m. |
October 21 & 28,
November 4 & 11 at 3 p.m.



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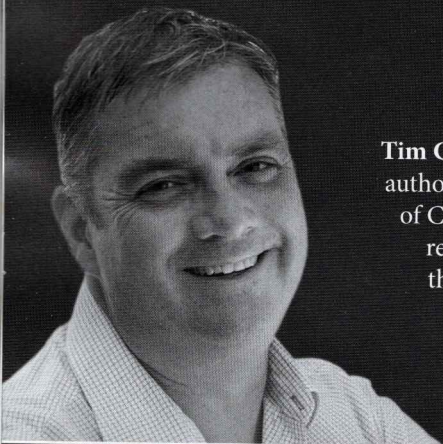
OCTOBER 14, 1 PM

Jack Granatstein is acclaimed as the dean of Canada's war historians. The author of over 60 books and a former head of Canada's War Museum, he will speak on Canada's Hundred Days in 1918, the subject of his latest book, *The Greatest Victory*. Sponsored by Lit on Tour of the Toronto International Festival of Authors.



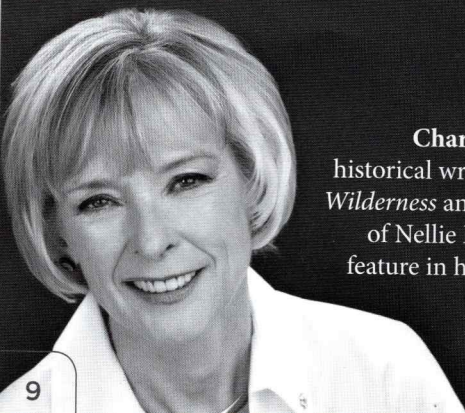
SPEAKERS' SERIES

A series of talks by leading Canadian historians will be held on Sunday afternoons in October and November at 1 p.m. in the Concert Hall at Victoria Hall. Book signings will be held after each talk. Books available for sale at each event provided by Furby House Books.



OCTOBER 21, 1 PM

Tim Cook is a historian at Canada's War Museum and the author of many authoritative yet highly readable accounts of Canadians under fire. He will speak about the fraught relationship between Arthur Currie and Sam Hughes, the subject of his book, *The Madman and the Butcher*. His newest book is *The Secret History of Soldiers*.



NOVEMBER 4, 1 PM

Charlotte Gray has been hailed as Canada's best-loved historical writer. The author of such bestsellers as *Sisters in the Wilderness* and *The Promise of Canada*, she is also a biographer of Nellie McClung, a pioneer of women's suffrage, who will feature in her talk about how Canadian women won the vote in 1918. Sponsored by the Vimy Foundation's Centennial Speaker's Series.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

See *Mary's Wedding* at the Firehall Theatre at 8:00.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Hear the *Elora Singers* in *Cobourg's Great War in Words, Images & Song* at Trinity United Church, 8 pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Attend the gala VIP launch of Armistice18 and view *The Great War Exhibition* and *Charles Pachter* exhibitions in Victoria Hall at noon.



Conclusion by Charles Pachter

EXPERIENCE ARMISTICE 18

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

Hear historian *Jack Granatstein* speak at 1:00 and attend a 3:00 performance of *Mary's Wedding*.

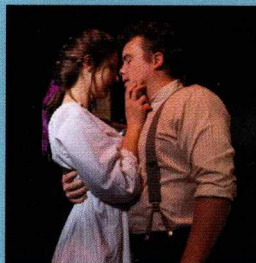
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

Hear artist *Charles Pachter* speak at 2:00 and attend *The Stars on Her Shoulders* or *Last Day, Last Hour* at 8:00.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Hear historian *Tim Cook* speak at 1:00 and attend *Last Day, Last Hour* at 3:00.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Hear *Charlotte Gray* speak at 1:00 and see *The Stars on Her Shoulders* or *Last Day, Last Hour* at 3:00.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Attend Cobourg's *Remembrance Day commemoration* in the morning and see the **final performance of *Last Day, Last Hour*** at 3:00.



Tanktop by Charles Pachter

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