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## ***Cariboo Buckaroo Rides BC***

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Saddle up this October as Victoria's top alternative theatre company brings BC communities the new play, *Cariboo Buckaroo*.

"Victoria writer-actor Matthew Payne and his Theatre SKAM troupe have hatched a pocket-sized show that glitters like a gold nugget," declares Adrian Chamberlain of Victoria's *Times Colonist*.

Theatre SKAM hits the trail on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October in Banff, followed by a month-long ride through BC's Central Interior: Oct 11<sup>th</sup> in Enderby; Oct 12<sup>th</sup> in Little Fort; Oct 13<sup>th</sup> in 108 Mile; Oct 14<sup>th</sup> in Echo Valley; Oct 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> in Williams Lake; Oct 18<sup>th</sup> in Quesnel; Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> in Prince George; Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> in Vancouver; and Oct 25<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> at home in Victoria. Check SKAM.CA for venues and ticket prices.

Written and performed by Matthew Payne, the show follows the trail of an 1860's cattle drive as it makes its way north to the goldfields. En route the vaqueros driving this beef train encounter plenty of hardship, a little magic and surprise, and plenty of beans.

A graduate of Quesnel Secondary School, SKAM's Artistic Producer Matthew Payne is writer and performer. "I took a look at the Cariboo-Chilcotin history I was never taught and found some of the most exciting stories you'll ever hear."

SKAM developed the piece in the summer of 2009, making stops at community halls, First Nations historical sites, and private guest ranches throughout the Interior. The company's Managing Producer Allison Bottomley explains: "We're very excited about expanding the touring of this show. Being able to share the play with the smaller communities of BC's Central Interior has been on our wish list since we first created the show two summers ago."

*...are you in?*

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