

Royal Sproule - FRSA 1984

Where are you from?

I grew up in Rosebud.

Why did you choose to come to Rosebud School of the Arts?

I was going into Grade 11. I ventured up the street and met LaVerne Erickson as he was turning a piece of pottery. I asked him if I could take an ART 20 course that he taught at Rosebud Camp of the Arts Summer School. I took course, excelled in it, winning a tuition scholarship to Rosebud School of the Arts High School. The post-secondary end of things had not yet been implemented.



When did you start at RSA? When did you graduate? Started RSA High School 1982 graduated in 83. Took the one-year post secondary program and we in the first class of graduates.

What are your career goals? Do you have a specific theatre interest (acting, lighting, stage managing, set construction, costuming, etc.) I've lived my life as a artist all my life. Visual arts (Ran an Art Gallery, drew commission drawings, pen & ink limited edition prints, Music (Lewis & Royal, Wheatland Band, Rosebud River Valley Boys). Two years ago I co-founded a production company in Rosebud, and just released our first short CARL'S WAY.

Will you be a part of any Rosebud Shows this year? Or shows anywhere else? I directed *Chickens* this summer. I also performed with the *Wheatland Band* in Rosebud Presents for Valentine's Day, and hope to do so again this coming year. This summer I just finished my 9th year as a director and writer of *The Canadian Badlands Passion Play* in Drumheller.

Do you have a secret talent/interesting tidbit of information about yourself?

I am a member of the musical duo *Lewis and Royal*, a founding member of the video production company *Smoke Signal Media*, and an acting instructor for RSA.

CREDITS:

Rosebud Theatre

Acting: *Chickens* (1994), *The Rainmaker*, *Opal*. Sound Design: *Much Ado About Nothing*. Writing: *Christmas with the Rosebud River Valley Boys*. Music Composition: *Larry*, *Scapin*. Directing: *An Inspector Calls*, *Chickens* (2014), *Beau Jest*, *Valjean Le Condamne*, *For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again*.

Other Theatres/Production Companies

Acting in films: *The Claim*, *High Noon*, *Little House on the Prairie* Miniseries, *The Investigation*, Steven Spielberg's *Into the West*. Directing: *The Miser* (Chemainus Theatre), *For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again*, *The Adventures of Jack & Wanda*, *Mien Hump* and recently biblical shows such as *James*, *John-the First Book*, *Mark His Word*, and *The Art of Work (Ecclesiastes)* (independent shows). Wrote and directed for *The Canadian Badlands Passion Play*.

Awards

- Seven Alberta Film & Television Award Nominations 2014 - *Carl's Way* – Producer
- Outstanding Direction – *Babel Rap* and *The Bone Violin* – Christian One-Act Festival