



Shaw Festival Installs Sculpture of Calvin Rand

Bulletin #14

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, September 30, 2008 . . . On Saturday, October 4 the Shaw Festival honours its Founding Chair, Calvin Rand, at the unveiling of a sculpture of his likeness, which will be permanently installed in the lobby of the Festival Theatre, 10 Queens Parade, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

Calvin Rand, son and grandson of the founders of Marine Midland Bank in New York State, had long spent his summers at the family estate in Niagara-on-the-Lake when his neighbour, Shaw Festival Founder Brian Doherty, commandeered him to help spearhead the fledgling festival. Mr. Rand, who was President of The Shaw from 1964 to 1978, has spent his career as an advocate for the arts and humanities, and continues to be a strong supporter of the Shaw Festival to this day. Over the years he has held a variety of professional positions in the arts and humanities, ranging from philosophy lecturer at the University at Buffalo to President of the American Academy in Rome. In addition, Mr. Rand has held many Board positions in arts organizations in Buffalo, such as Albright-Knox Art Gallery and the Irish Classical Theatre Company, as well as in New York City and Canada.

Since its first season in 1962, in which four performances each of Bernard Shaw's *Don Juan in Hell* and *Candida* were performed in the Court House, the Shaw Festival has grown to become one of the world's leading repertory theatres, attracting some 300,000 people to its three Niagara-on-the-Lake theatres each season.

Created by renowned New York State artist Mary DeWitt Smith, the bronze sculpture of Mr. Rand will be unveiled at 5:15 pm. Mr. Rand will be in attendance at the ceremony.

-30-

Members of the media are welcome to attend the ceremony. To RSVP, please contact Odette Yazbeck or Patti Broughton.

Please visit our website at www.shawfest.com for other Shaw Festival media releases.

For more information, or to download pictures from our image bank to accompany this release, members of the media may contact:

Odette Yazbeck
Director, Public Relations
905-468-2153 or
1-800-657-1106 ext 222
odette@shawfest.com

Patti Broughton
Public Relations Co-ordinator
905-468-2153 or
1-800-657-1106 ext 224
pbroughton@shawfest.com