

Actor takes on 'Evening With Haig-Brown'

By DENISE SHARKEY

A 31-year-old actor from Vancouver is traveling to Campbell River this week to take on the daunting task of starring in the premiere of 'An Evening With Haig-Brown' on the Tidemark Theatre stage Friday evening.

Raphael Kepinski said it won't be his first visit to the community. After he found out he had been chosen to perform in the one-man theatrical performance based on Roderick Haig-Brown's writings, Kepinski made a journey to see the Campbell River and Haig-Brown's home, 'Above Tide.'

"I went to Campbell River, I went to see his house, to see the river and to see where he walked," Kepinski said.

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Kepinski has been in rehearsal for weeks in Vancouver as the premiere nears. He said as an actor, learning the play was first and foremost. But, to perform in this one-man show, Kepinsky had to become comfortable with not only the lines, he also had to feel natural with a fishing rod.

"Fly fishermen have come out of the woodwork to help," he said. "I've been learning to cast with Norm Godding from the Haig-Brown Institute."

The play was commissioned by the Haig-Brown Institute and created by playwright



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Janet Munsil, based solely on the writing of Roderick Haig-Brown. It's split into four parts - spring, summer, winter and fall.

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Kepinski said. "His voice is in there."

The world premiere of 'An Evening With Haig-Brown' takes place Friday at 7 p.m. at

the Tidemark. Call 250-287-PINK or go to www.tidemarktheatre.com for more information.

The Tidemark Theatre will also be the site this weekend of The Haig-Brown Symposium on Sustaining Wild Salmon: Moving from Words to Action, which will bring together scientists, leaders and front line workers for discussions and planning.

The symposium, to take place Saturday and Sunday, is hosted by the Haig-Brown Centenary Committee and Simon Fraser University's Continuing Studies in Science and the university's Centre for Coastal Studies and will address the challenges faced in efforts to conserve wild salmon in BC. The symposium will be part of SFU's ongoing 'Speaking for the Salmon' series and will include keynote addresses from former BC Lt. Governor Iona Campagnolo and renowned author Terry Glavin.

For more information about the symposium, check out www.sfu.ca/cstudies/science