



# FLASH IN THE PAN

Adapted and composed by Hank Stinson  
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Additional musical arrangements: Sean Ferris  
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Flash In the Pan, the songs and stories from the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898, features the poetry of Robert W. Service, stories of Klondike newspaperman Stroller White, and adventurer Jack London, with personal anecdotes from the author, Hank Stinson; former stage manager/performer at the Palace Grand Theatre, Black Jack dealer at Diamond Tooth Gertie's Saloon, and Story Teller at the Robert Service Cabin in Dawson City.

Flash in the Pan is about survival, about the dream of gold and the reward of the quest. It's not about fame and fortune; it's about the hidden resources of the human spirit played out against the backdrop of a hostile but exquisitely beautiful land. It's about discovery of the self.

## HANK STINSON

### Acting Credits:

Billy Bishop; *Billy Bishop Goes To War*, PEI tour, Atlantic Smile Theatre Company.  
Mr. Sloan, The Stationmaster, The Minister, The Professor, The Headwaiter  
*Anne and Gilbert*, Jubilee Theatre in Summerside.  
Maurice; *Beauty and the Beast*, King Rudolph; *Sleeping Beauty*, Herr Shultz; *Cabaret*, at Neptune Theatre in Halifax. Truman King; *Fire*, Matthew; *Anne of Green Gables - The Musical™*; Host/writer/composer; *Songs of the Island*, Cousin Jimmy; *Emily™*, Billy Bishop; *Billy Bishop Goes to War*, Czar Nicholas; *Alexandra - The Last Empress*, Dan McGrew; *The Shooting of Dan McGrew*, Stephen Leacock; *Lunch with Leacock*, at The Charlottetown Festival.

### Writing Credits:

*What a Difference a Day Makes*, Charlottetown co-creator; *Canada Rocks*, co-creator, *Something Wonderful*, Charlottetown Festival, *Flash in the Pan* (New Zealand), *The Winkle Pickers* (Norway), *A Child's Garden of Verses* (USA); musical adaptations of *Rainbow Valley*, *Emily of New Moon*, and *The Blue Castle*, from the novels of Lucy Maud Montgomery.

**Recent Directing Credits:** *What a Difference a Day Makes* Park Royal, Charlottetown  
*The Blue Castle*; ACT, at The Guild, Charlottetown.  
*Leacock*, *A Musical Evening*.

## SEAN FERRIS

Sean Ferris studied composition at McGill University in Montreal. His music for film, television and concert hall has been heard all over North America and Europe. He has also performed both live and on recordings with many regional, national and international artists.