



Vancouver-based actor Ryan Beil plays the one and only character in *Never Shoot a Stampede Queen*, playing now at Pavilion Theatre. *KTW file photo*

Stampede Queen 'not to be missed'

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The title is *Never Shoot a Stampede Queen*, but placing a not-so-pretty photo in the *Williams Lake Tribune* newspaper is funny and needed to be done.

Well, that's what the editor thought when he decided to take the photos shot by a brand new — and maybe a little bit naive — 22-year-old journalist from the big city of Vancouver (played by Ryan Beil).

This adaptation of the award-winning book by Mark Leiren-Young takes you on a journey that had me and the audience laughing — and even joining in a bit of song.

Beil brought to life the many distinct characters who resided in Williams Lake circa 1986.

Never Shoot a Stampede Queen — making its world premiere with Western Canada Theatre — is great show for all ages and is not to be missed.

The production runs until May 4.