



Hello to all Gateway Theatre Guild subscribers & Facebook Followers.

### **Message from President**

The global pandemic decimating the world at the moment is reminding us yet again that the veneer of security surrounding “normal” daily life is indeed thin and porous. While exactly this sense of the world lies, sometimes hidden, underneath many of the artworks in the world and throughout history, the magnitude of the current situation seems to totally exceed the capacities of art to express or represent it.

Gateway Theatre Guild, like every other responsible organization of caring individuals, has somewhat retreated into seclusion for the time being. A range of initiatives planned for coming months have had to be postponed. But, like many other arts organizations, we are thinking of ways in which we can nurture the community through theatre-related activities even if they need to be online rather than in the live space.

We will keep you posted, but for now: stay well and stay at home!

*Paul Monaghan, President*

### **Message from Sue Miller, VP Operations**

As my April newsletter has taken a different turn than the one, I had planned, I posed three questions to some of the Board of Directors:

1. What is the post that Gateway has shared on Facebook that you like the most?
2. Are you going stir crazy yet being at home?
3. What are you doing to keep active and healthy during this self-isolation?

Here are their answers:

Jill Cornick, Director at Large

1. Hard call. I love the high school kids singing “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” (I sing all the time but suspect I have ZERO ability so really appreciate it in others), and the one that suggests that people donate their tickets to cancelled shows rather than getting a refund.
2. Kind of. My dining room table is not the most ergonomic setup and I feel like I'm turning into Gollum.
3. The benefit of working from home is that I start earlier and 'get home' much earlier so I have time before dinner. On nice days I get out for a walk (but should probably go on not-so-nice days too). We are tapping our maple trees so there's hauling buckets of sap most days too.

Sue Miller, VP Operations

1. As I am doing the posts, I am loving all of the different organizations who are sharing free things that we can participate with only our computers.
2. I am currently in an office that is deemed required through the Ontario Government so I am going to work every day, however I do seem to have time to keep posting on the Gateway Facebook page anything that is interesting.
3. Although I cook for my family really healthy meals, I am making a meal plan so I can get in and out of the grocery store very quickly.

Natalie DeMarco – Secretary

1. I love when you share VOX choir posts, I've had such positive and enjoyable experiences attending VOX choir myself, and more people need to learn that this community choir exists. I also love the post made on March 13th regarding donating your ticket money to support the art community rather than requesting a refund. Everyone needs support during this uncertain time, if you are able to support please do so.
2. Not at all... ha-ha I've been so busy and nonstop with all the jobs I do, along with being a part of the Comedy of Errors production this winter, and taking a course at Nipissing University, that I haven't had a moment to breath. I am so happy to have some time to myself. I need some home time to recharge again. I also don't get bored very easily as somehow, I always have a never-ending list of things to do.
3. Since I am a yoga instructor here in town, I have been keeping up with my home yoga practice along with making some home practice video's through [Vinyasa Yoga & Other Arts](#) social media pages (check them out on Facebook!). I have been doing some bush walking/hiking as well since we have had such mild and beautiful weather. Also, with all this extra time I've been spending a lot of it in the kitchen making some great healthy home cooked meals

Paul Monaghan – President

1. Like others, I want to encourage ticket holders not to ask for a refund, but to donate to the relevant companies. Everyone is in the same boat. In addition, I want to suggest that everyone select a favorite local business that they frequent, and donate money to them each week to make sure they stay afloat and are available to you after this pandemic has subsided. I select The Social Café on Wyld St, and will donate to them each week for however many coffees I have each week at home.
2. Well, in one sense not at all. I like to work away on my own (I am an academic) for long periods of time. And I now also have much more time with my 5-year old daughter. On the other hand, I have been playing with dolls a great deal, and that particular activity does have a diminishing appeal after several weeks of it. Bring on the warmer weather, please!
3. See my answer to number 2 above. Yesterday I looked at the books in my bookshelves and got excited because in a few weeks time I might actually be able to read one of them. And I am trying to make bread in the bread machine such that it is actually edible.

#### [Gateway Theatre Guild Facebook](#)

We are posting interesting free artistic things that are happening all over the world so please join our [Facebook page](#) and keep connected.



## **Upcoming Events in North Bay and around the World**

As we are still in isolation these will be all things that you can download to your computer. Hope you enjoy.

Local Artists

[Capital Centre Spring Tune Up on-line concerts](#)

Music

[Compass Music Academy](#) are showcasing some past performances. Be sure to listen to some wonderful music on their [Facebook](#) page.

Art

[Callander Bay Heritage Museum & Alex Dufresne Gallery](#)

Experience a [3D look](#) at the Callander Museum & Alex Dufresne Gallery.

Film

Check out this article from [CBC](#) for films that you can stream. Also, if you have your public library card [Kanopy](#) has thousands of movies you can stream for FREE!

Theatre

[National Theatre Live](#)

Join us right here every Thursday at 7pm UK time (which is 3 pm in North Bay) for some of the best British theatre, free to stream for a week. Starting from 2 April with the online premiere of One Man Two Guvnors.

Don't forget to keep washing your hands, keep healthy and we hope that you are following us on Facebook to keep connected to our amazing Gateway Theatre Guild family.