



**The
Gateway
Grapevine**
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GTG's 75th Birthday in 2023

Gateway Theatre Guild was founded in 1948 and is therefore one of the oldest extant community theatre companies in Ontario. In 2023 we will celebrate our 75th birthday, and we intend to do it in style! The whole year will be an ongoing celebration, but there will also be specific events – such as the GTG Exhibit at the North Bay Museum – to celebrate the company and its history. A feature of the celebrations will be a Big Bash on a date to be announced.

To express your interest in being part of the Planning Committee, please contact Paul Monaghan on presidentgtg@gmail.com.



The Archives Project & Exhibit

“PLAY ON !”

The Gateway Theatre Guild exhibit at the North Bay Museum opens on Friday January 20 at 7pm!

Come along and support GTG, enjoy the memories and hear about plans for the future. All Welcome!

The exhibit will continue until May 20, 2023.

For further information, contact the exhibit curator, Pat (O'Hallarn) Moulson, on patmoulson@gmail.com or 705-472-7445.

The GTG Archives

consist of 7 large display folders filled with material dating right back to our foundation in 1948. We also recently acquired 6 X A4 envelopes (courtesy of Naomi Hehn at the Museum) stuffed full of relevant Nugget newspaper clippings. These folders and envelopes are absolutely priceless, and a good deal of work has been done on them by many, including more recently by Jeremy Cormier and Pat Moulson.

But there are gaps in the records, and we need to fill in those gaps. We are calling on all participants in GTG productions and other activities past and present to help us make the Archives complete!

In addition, we plan to fully digitize all the material with a view to both preservation and developing an ongoing digital exhibition housed on the new GTG website.

To express your interest in this initiative, especially if you have material to add to the Archives, please contact Paul Monaghan on presidentgtg@gmail.com.

Play Readings With & For Seniors

Gateway Theatre Guild proudly presents:

A Play Reading Series - With and For Seniors

Please join us in gathering together for our play reading series!

Gateway Theatre Guild is hosting a series of casual play readings. North Bay Seniors (55+) are invited to join us during January to March

to read a play together, with an opportunity to chat and enjoy refreshments afterwards. **No experience necessary!** And no lines to memorize!

There are three different venues, each with their own schedules:



Location 1:

Trinity United Church (side door)

Fireside Room

111 McIntyre St E, North Bay, P1B1C5

When: Thursday mornings at 9 am – 12 noon (once a month)

Dates:

Thursday January 26, 2023

Thursday February 23, 2023

Thursday March 23, 2023

Location 2

North Bay Public Library (Auditorium)

271 Worthington St. E. North Bay, ON P1B 1H1

Saturday January 21 (1-4 pm)

Saturday February 18 (1-4 pm)

Saturday March 18 (1-4 pm)

Tuesday January 31 (5:30-8:30 pm)

Tuesday February 21 (5:30-8:30 pm)

Tuesday March 28 (5:30-8:30 pm)

Location 3

The Village - Canadore College

100 College Drive, North Bay, P1B 8K9

Monday January 16 (3:00-4:15 pm)

Monday January 23 (3:00-4:15 pm)

Monday January 30 (3:00-4:15 pm)

Monday February 6 (3:00-4:15 pm)

Monday February 13 (3:00-4:15 pm)

Monday February 20 (Family Day-no reading)

Monday February 27 (3:00-4:15 pm)

Monday March 6 (3:00-4:15 pm)

Monday March 13 (3:00-4:15 pm)

Monday March 20 (3:00-4:15 pm)

Monday March 27 (3:00-4:15 pm)

For all Reading dates and venues, please register with Gateway Theatre Guild on our *new* website or by clicking here: [Registration: Play Readings With and For Seniors.](#) You can also email seniorsgtg@gmail.com or call 705-492-9575. Hope to see you there!

Gateway Theatre Guild is grateful for the valued support of Trinity United Church, the City of North Bay, the North Bay Public Library, The Canadore Village, and the Government of Ontario’s “Seniors Community Grant Scheme.”

The project is co-ordinated by Loretta Di Eugenio (MA Theatre Making, BEd Drama, HBa Dramatic Arts), Scott Vander Waal (both Directors, Gateway Theatre Guild) and Dr Paul Monaghan (President, Gateway Theatre Guild)

To express your interest in this initiative, please contact the coordinators on seniorsgtg@gmail.com .

Upcoming GTG Shows: The Mercer Trilogy

Of the Fields, Lately (1973)

by David French, directed by Loretta Di Eugenio

“...flowers don’t smell of the fields, lately...only of the funeral parlour...”

After *Leaving Home*, Ben returns from an absence of two years for his Aunt Dot’s funeral, only to find that his father has recently suffered a heart attack. As Jacob tries to come to terms with his situation, and Wiff and Mary grieve for Dot, Ben must

make an important decision. *Of The Fields, Lately* is an astonishing work about the ties of love and pride that bind us to family – and which not even death can sever.

New dates!

Wednesday March 22 – Saturday March 24, 2023

at Ecole Odyssee (Auditorium): 7pm. Tickets are \$20/18. **Bookings by phone: 705-492-9575 or by email: tixgtg@gmail.com**

AUDITION NOTICE!

Salt-Water Moon

by David French (1984), directed by Johanna McPherson

The play takes us back to the romance of the young Mary and Jacob, both aged 17.

Auditions will be held early in February. Details to be announced.

The season will run May 10-13, 2023 at Ecole Odyssee (Auditorium): 7pm. Tickets are \$20/18. **Bookings by phone: 705-492-9575 or by email: tixgtg@gmail.com**

This production will also be our entry in the QUONTA Festival, hosted by GTG at Ecole Odyssee in the week following the season (May 18-20).

New and Local: Performance Works Cultivator

NEXT READING: *Death of a Tsar* by Joe Bodley, January 28, 2023, at 2pm at 176 Lakeshore Drive.

If you are interested in participating in this reading, please contact Johanna McPherson (VP Artistic) on vpgtgartistic@gmail.com and/or Paul Monaghan (President) on presidentgtg@gmail.com

HAVE YOU WRITTEN A NEW PLAY AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR IT READ BY ACTORS?

Gateway Theatre Guild is initiating a new focus in 2022-23 on the local creation of new works for performance.

This new focus will involve readings or “showings” of new works-in-progress by local writers/creators, and potentially full productions of some of the new works. Starting in 2023, workshops designed to assist and inspire the local creation of new works will also be offered.

“New works for performance” can include both the writing of standard “dramatic plays” as well as the creation of what might loosely be called “performance works” (non-traditional “blue-prints” or architecture for performance which may or may not be text-based in the standard way).

Selected locally created new “dramatic plays” will receive at least one “private reading” designed for the author to hear their new work read aloud by actors. If authors would like to receive feedback from both the actors and experienced members of GTG’s Artistic Working Group, friendly and constructive feedback will be provided.

A second, “public” reading may be organized with a limited number of guests invited to provide a wider, “audience” perspective, should the author so desire.

To express your interest in this initiative, and/or to offer your services as readers, please contact Johanna McPherson (VP Artistic) on vpgtgartistic@gmail.com and/or Paul Monaghan (President) on presidentgtg@gmail.com.