

# ITR Theatre Company

## UPDATES FROM ITR

So much has happened since our last newsletter - we feel like Olympic champions! We have had three successful shows and are hard at work on our Fall 2016 presentation. Here's the scoop:

**February 2016:** our Valentine's day production of **Love Letters**, at the Red Dot Café, was so popular that we added a second show and sold them both out. The audiences were delighted with the show and we raised \$800 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

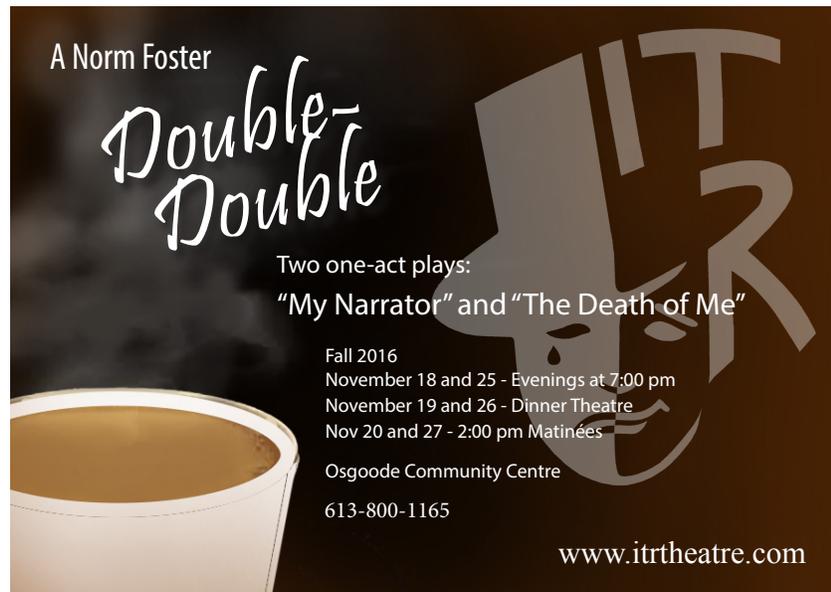
**May 2016:** our spring show, **The Foreigner**, had audiences rolling in the aisles with laughter and achieved the highest ticket sales of any spring show since we started keeping track. Our feedback forms show that the audience absolutely loved the performance. We were delighted to welcome 6 newcomers to our stage, 2 of whom were making their acting debut in this show. You can see some clips on ITR's amazing new YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx1JnhhgfnNqcezELZtWyUw> .

**Summer 2016:** we were invited to present a family-oriented play in Manotick's Dickinson Square this summer and responded with **Monday's Child**, a heartwarming story that appeals to children of all ages with acting, music and movement. Two performances have

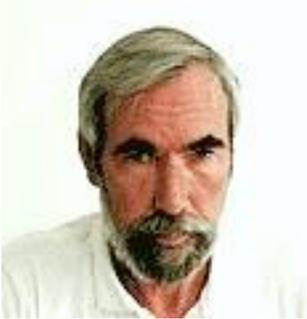
already taken place and the third will be on September 3 at 1 p.m. Please see our website, [itrtheatre.com](http://itrtheatre.com), for more information.

**Fall 2016:** from November 18-20 and 25-27, we will be presenting a double bill of two one-act plays by Canada's pre-eminent playwright, Norm Foster, at the Osgoode Community Centre:



André Dimitrijevic, who has done a wonderful job directing previous plays for ITR as well as for Phoenix Players, is back at the helm and has assembled an all-star cast. Our ever-popular dinner theatre performances, with wonderful food provided by David Smith of Creative Kosher Catering, will be on November 19th and 26th. Tickets will go on sale to patrons in mid-September and to the general public on October 10th. Keep watching our website and our Facebook page, ITR Theatre Company Osgoode, for updated information and also follow us on Twitter at @ITRTheatre.

**2017:** ITR is celebrating Canada's sesquicentennial with a series of three Canadian-themed plays. We're kicking off the party early with our **Norm Foster Double-Double**, as described above. Spring 2017 will see us perform **Lafferty's Wake**, an interactive musical show that pays tribute to the Irish heritage of our area. And in the fall of 2017, we are delighted to present the debut performance of a play about our national sport, hockey, written especially for us by Elora-based playwright Michael Grant: **Shorthanded - the female version!**



## FAREWELL TO AN ITR STALWART

### In Memoriam – John Lydon

Sadly, after a brave struggle with cancer, John passed away on August 6th. John acted in 10 shows with ITR between 1991 and 2007, and he also served on our Executive, built sets and helped in countless other ways. John was the very deserving recipient of the ITR President's Award in May 2016. He will be deeply missed.

## ITR'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was held on June 12th, at which time our financial statements and plans for the upcoming year were approved. The existing board members were all re-elected and Sophie Hall re-joined the board as a director-at-large. Following John's demise, she has agreed to take on the position of Secretary.

## KUDOS TO OUR COUNCILLORS

ITR is fortunate to enjoy strong support from Osgoode Ward councillor **George Darouze** and Rideau-Goulburn Councillor **Scott Moffatt**. They both sponsor our shows and this summer, **Councillor Darouze** has honoured ITR by showcasing us as part of the Osgoode Ward Evening at an Ottawa Champions baseball game on August 24th. Come out and see us perform at 6 p.m., and stay to watch the game afterwards!

## BE AN ITR PATRON: SILVER, GOLD or PLATINUM

Being a patron of ITR is a win-win situation. For ITR, the ongoing support from our patrons allows us to continue producing plays with a sense of stability and security. For our patrons, the satisfaction of supporting community theatre is bolstered by a tax-deductible receipt (ITR is a registered charity) and front-of-the-the-line reservation privileges. ITR's patron levels and benefits are described on our website at <http://www.itrtheatre.com> - just follow the links to the Patrons page.

**SPONSOR AN UPCOMING SHOW**

If you run a business anywhere our audience members are likely to spend money - please consider becoming a sponsor for an ITR show.

You can sponsor in cash or in kind, and your company will receive an invoice consistent with the value of your sponsorship. You will also receive an ad in our program book, a shout-out from the stage and an opportunity to display your business cards or other PR materials at our performance venue.

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of our spring 2016 sponsors:

- ✦ Dirk the Flowerman
- ✦ Raymonds
- ✦ Councillor George Darouze
- ✦ Councillor Scott Moffatt
- ✦ Andrea Jermacans, Freedom 55 Financial
- ✦ Peppermint Spa
- ✦ Lindsay and McCaffrey
- ✦ Red Dot Café
- ✦ Osgoode Foodland
- ✦ OrchardView on the Rideau Living Centre

For more information, about becoming a sponsor or about advertising in our program book, please write to [publicity@itrtheatre.com](mailto:publicity@itrtheatre.com) .