



CANADA 150
1867-2017

ITR Theatre Company

LOOKING BACK

The second play in ITR's sesquicentennial series, **Lafferty's Wake**, was presented in April and May of 2017. At first glance, an Irish pub may seem like an unusual setting for a play honouring Canada's 150th birthday. It makes sense, though, because it was chosen to highlight our country's immigrant history and celebrate our diversity. And the audiences celebrated with huge enthusiasm as our talented actors and musicians encouraged them to sing, dance and drink along! A terrific time was had by all in this audience-participation extravaganza.

ITR has branched out over the past couple of years by bringing small, easy-to-stage shows out into various community venues and staging them as fund-raisers for charity. In that vein, we offered our second annual Valentine's Day show at the Red Dot: **2 Across**. Like the first one, it was a sell-out and a great success on all levels. Audiences enjoyed the superb performances by Andrea Jermacans and Dan DeMarbre, as well as the excellent food and service provided by the crew at the Dot. The show raised \$600 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. ITR plans to continue this tradition in years to come.

LOOKING FORWARD

To culminate our 3-play tribute to Canada, ITR is thrilled to present the premiere performance of a quintessentially Canadian play.

Shorthanded: A Ladies Game was written for us by Elora playwright Michael Grant as a re-imagination of the original version,

Shorthanded. The funny and heart-warming story encompasses many Canadian values and passions: hockey, resilience, teamwork, determination, friendship - to say nothing of beer and chocolate!

ITR stalwart Sheila Dubyk, ably assisted by Helen Visbach, is directing an amazing cast of 8 women. Some (Andrée-Cybèle Bilinski, Christine Erdos O'Malley, Pam Masey) are new to ITR, some (Janice Marks, Anne Peterson) are returning after a hiatus of several years, and some (Sophie Hall, Liz Szucs, Cheryl Zimmer) have appeared on our stage in recent shows. Once again, we are grateful to Orchardview on the Rideau for providing us with rehearsal space at no cost. We are also grateful to Cheryl Cooper of Cooper Physiotherapy and to Hockey Eastern Ontario for getting us outfitted, and to the Big Rig Brewery for canning a very special "brew" for the players to enjoy on-stage.

Tickets will soon be available on a priority basis for ITR patrons and will go on sale to the general public on September 8th at <http://itrtheatre.com/tickets.html> or by phone at 613-800-1165. There will be two dinner theatre performances, again catered by the amazing David Smith of Creative Kosher Catering, on October 21st and 28th. Friday evening shows are on October 20th and 27th, and there will be one matinée on October 29th. Please keep checking our website (itrtheatre.com), our Facebook page (ITR Theatre Company Osgoode), and our Twitter feed (@ITRTheatre) for updated information.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ITR's Annual General Meeting was held on June 10th. Reports on a successful year and a solid financial situation were followed by elections for the Board of Directors. The 2017-2018 expanded board features Sophie Hall as President, Wayne Hall as Vice-President, Klaus Beltzner as Treasurer, Helen Visbach as Secretary, and directors Sheila Dubyk, Lorraine Hopkins, Louise Lagacé and Dirk Visbach. Judy Beltzner rounds out the strong team as Past President.

BE AN ITR PATRON, SHOW SPONSOR OR VOLUNTEER

ITR is grateful to the individuals who support us on an annual basis as Gold, Silver or Platinum patrons and to the businesses which sponsor particular shows as Topaz, Ruby, Sapphire or Diamond sponsors. Their support allows us to continue offering high-quality entertainment to the rural Ottawa south community and beyond.

To find out more about becoming a patron or sponsor and the attendant benefits , please visit itrtheatre.com and follow the links to the Patrons or Sponsors page.

Of course, no community organization can exist without its heart and soul: volunteers. We are fortunate to have many wonderful helpers who return time after time, and we're always eager to welcome new volunteers to help us out on any given show or on a year-round basis.

If you would like to volunteer as a set-builder, painter, decorator, bartender, ticket-taker, snack-seller or usher for our upcoming show, please contact producer@itrtheatre.com . If you would like to volunteer to help the Board of Directors with PR and outreach initiatives or in any other capacity, please contact president@itrtheatre.com .

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER - AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT **SHORTHANDED: A LADIES GAME** IN OCTOBER!