

HAPPY 2018!!

2018 is a big year for ITR as we are celebrating our 45th anniversary of bringing great entertainment to the south end of Ottawa. It has been quite a journey since the first performance of *Jesus Christ Superstar* at St. Brigid's Church. Stay tuned throughout the year to our Facebook and Twitter feeds for photos from the past and interviews with long time ITR members.

Looking Back

Our debut of Michael Grant's *Shorthanded – A Ladies Game* was a huge success, by far the highest selling fall play ITR has had. It was an absolute pleasure to have Mike there for opening night and for him to provide Q&A sessions for the entire opening weekend. Thank you also to Mike, Mayor Watson, Scott Moffatt, Cheryl Cooper and Pierre Polievre for taking on cameo appearances in the shows.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to our audiences, our patrons, our sponsors and our wonderful volunteers for making this the success it truly was.

Looking Forward



This year, ITR is going to do something a little different for Valentine's Day. We are going to be holding an Afternoon Tea at Vibration Studios (5488 Osgoode Main St.) on February 10 and 17, 2018. We have selected Norm Foster's two act play *Wrong for Each Other* to entertain you.

"A chance meeting in a restaurant, after four years apart, sends a couple flashing back through the highs and lows of their courtship and marriage. It is a hilarious and often heart-breaking look at the rollercoaster ride of a relationship."

Tickets for the show (including the tea) are \$28 and go on sale on January 8 at www.itrtheatre.com. There are only 50 tickets available per show.

The show starts at 2:00 pm each day and the doors open at 1:30.

As always for our Valentine's plays, the proceeds will go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Then followed by our Spring production.



In this 45th anniversary year, ITR Theatre Company is delighted to change things up once again and bring our audiences a whodunit by arguably one of the best mystery writers of all time, Agatha Christie. *A Murder is Announced* was first published in 1950 and was Christie's 50th book. The current play adaptation was written by Leslie Darbon in 1977. Show dates are April 20 and 21 and 27 to 29.

"An announcement in the local paper states the time and place when a murder is to occur in Miss Blacklock's Victorian house. The victim is not one of the house's several occupants, but an unexpected and unknown visitor. What follows is a classic Christie puzzle of mixed motives, concealed identities, a second death, a determined Inspector grimly following the twists and turns, and Miss Marple on hand to provide the final solution at some risk to herself in a dramatic confrontation just before the final curtain."

Tickets for this show will go on sale on March 5. Please go to our website at www.itrtheatre.com for more details.

The People of Dickinson House

While this is not an ITR production, ITR is pleased to promote a special presentation coming to Manotick. Written by our very own Sheila Dubyk along with Myra McFarlane, *The People of Dickinson House* will bring 6 individuals who lived in or worked at Dickinson House to life. The audience will join each of the 6 characters as they experience pivotal moments in their lives which occur over a 40 period from 1872 to 1912. In advance of the show, dinner will be served at the Miller's Oven which will be transformed into the old Doyle Hotel, a fixture in the Manotick of the time. The performances are April 6, 7 and 14 with dinner starting at 6:00 pm. There are only 30 tickets available for each show.

Tickets are \$40 each and will be available for sale February 18.



*The People of
Dickinson House*
"A journey through time"

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on sale February 18 at
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ITR is grateful to the individuals who support us on an annual basis as Silver, Gold 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 shows, 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.

We hope you have a happy and wonderful New Year, and look forward to seeing you at our 2018 shows!!