



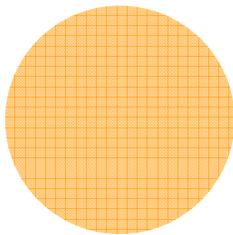
Isle in the River

Theatre Review Newsletter
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Special Don't miss items for ITR:

- Spring 2013 dinner theatre promises to be tasty!
- Hilarious whodunit farce coming in fall 2013.
- ITR 40th celebrations!



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Coming soon... A louder ITR Theatre experience. ITR will be amplifying the actors in a new sound system trial at this Spring's play.

2013 Spring Play "Heroes"

This spring, Isle in the River Review takes a slightly different direction with its rendition of Heroes, Tom Stoppard's English adaptation of Gerald Sibleyras' play *Le Vent de Peupliers* (*The Wind in the Poplars*), and winner of the 2006 Lawrence Olivier award for best new comedy.

The three-man play takes place in a French military hospital in 1959 where veterans Gustave, Philippe, and Henri are spending the twilight of their lives, bickering, grousing about the staff, fantasizing about comely women, and dreaming of escape.

"No matter what is going on in your world, you will forget it all while enjoying these 90 minutes of nostalgia in this gentle comedy," promises director, Andre Dimitrijevic.



May 3, 4, 9 and 10th at 7:30pm
Dinner Theatre Saturday May 11 at 6pm
Sunday Matinee May 5 at 2pm
\$18 adults, \$15 seniors and students
\$48 dinner theatre

Osgoode Community Centre

To purchase tickets call 613-860-1291 or visit www.itrtheatre.com

Celebrate 40 years with ITR

Isle in the River Review Theatre Company celebrates its 40th year in 2013 and you're invited to be a part of it! The 40th Anniversary Gala will take place on Saturday, April 27th at the Osgoode Legion Hall, 3284 Sunstrum St., from 7 p.m. to midnight.

"The Gala is geared toward patrons, audiences, members, and all our volunteers past and present," says event coordinator Krista Lang, whose own parents, Ross and Edith Batstone, were two of the original founding members. "This is also the perfect

chance for new people who are interested in learning more to meet us."

The event is semi-formal with a black, white, burgundy and silver theme. All 4 One Entertainment will DJ the event featuring music spanning the last four decades while Villeneuve Family Catering will provide finger foods and appetizers, a cold and hot buffet, fruit trays and veggie trays, cheese balls, and hors d'oeuvres.

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Osgoode's gluttonous King bid a hasty retreat and has been in hiding for the past year.



Find out more about how you can Support your community theatre at our annual general meeting.

Kingdom of Osgoode Medieval Festival

Various ITR members and volunteers are involved once again with the Kingdom of Osgoode Medieval Festival this summer.

Additionally, our theatre group performs an interactive play for children during the weekend, and familiar faces from ITR's stage can be found in the royal court of the Kingdom of Osgoode.

Enjoy professional jousting, dancing, sword play, kids' games, live music, horseshoe competition, vendors, and much more at the Kingdom of Osgoode Medieval Festival July 13-14, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. next to Osgoode Market Square 5673 Osgoode Main Street.

Admission is \$6 or \$10 for a weekend pass. Family pass, \$30 (2 adults, 4 children).

Join Sir Cedric the Slye, Queen Andrea, and Princess Vivian at the King's Feast Saturday, July 13, tickets \$35 in advance. Education Day Friday, July 12 for children only, ages 4-14. Learn about Medieval chivalry, armour, music and more, register in advance online.

More information:

www.osgoodemedievalfestival.com
info@osgoodemedievalfestival.com
 call Judy Carey at 613-826-1622

ITR Annual General Meeting - Don't miss it!

ITR is holding its Annual General Meeting on June 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Judy and Klaus Beltzner, 1370 River Road. The meeting will be followed by a BBQ supper at 8 p.m. Food will be supplied by ITR, and you are invited to bring beverages of your choice.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about us and to get involved in ensuring that ITR's future is as wonderful as its past.

This is also the time when we elect our executive committee for the following year. There are always positions available for those who want to take a leadership role. All positions are open for election to a one year term and are flexible to accommodate those with more or less time on their hands.

Come on out and be part of delivering great theatre entertainment to our community!

5 Reasons to Become an ITR Patron in 2013

5. Supporting community theatre is a good thing!
4. We put your name in our program, and you can put "Patron of the Arts" on your résumé.
3. You get first choice of seating for ITR performances - the box office opens for patrons two weeks before it opens to the general public.
2. Patronship has its rewards: show tickets and a tax receipt for the difference between the value of the tickets and the total amount of your contribution.
1. As a patron, you beat the ITR price increase! To keep up with cost increases from our suppliers, ITR has raised its ticket prices for the 2013 season BUT if you renew your patronship or become a new patron of ITR in 2013, you will still get the 2012 prices.



Step into The Murder Room - For Deadly Laughs

ITR will be pulling out the big guns and giving the audience a double barrel full of laughs this fall with *The Murder Room*. This British murder mystery farce is written by Jack Sharkey and directed by Gord Hawkes.

The fabulously funny play concerns newly-weds Edgar and Mavis...

Two days after their wedding Edgar discovers that Mavis - a nasty piece of work - is being unfaithful.

After her first attempt to kill him by poisoning his cocoa and the cat dies instead, Mavis resorts to shooting him and then returning to her lover.

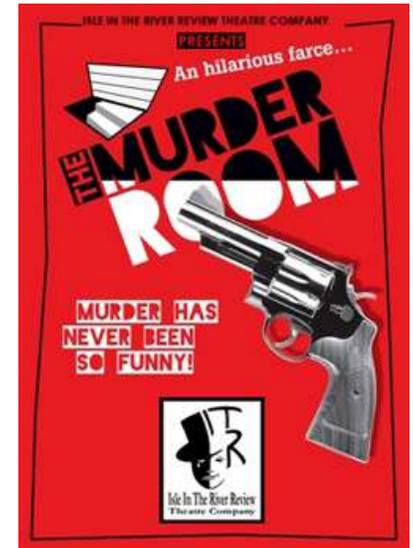
Chaos and complications reign when it transpires that the shots were blanks and that Edgar's body has vanished.

The play delivers a return to ITR's beloved farcical roots and promises a night of easy laughs and silly situations.

We are also pleased to have the play directed by long time ITR member Gord Hawkes. Gord has graced ITR's stage with his acting, served on the executive committee and helped out in numerous capacities behind the scenes.

This is a play that ITR has attempted to stage on two previous occasions but failed due to casting problems. Make certain to see the play this fall, not just for the laughs, but to see ITR break free of the curse that has kept this play from ITR's stage.

See the audition information on the following page.



ITR's 40th Anniversary Gala (Cont'd) April 27th, 7pm, Osgoode Legion Hall

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The Gala will also offer a heavy dose of nostalgia as guests can peruse a collection of photo albums, programs, and a wall of fame listing every person who has ever been listed in a program.

"It's going to be a night full of dancing, music, food, old friends, good memories, and a great time. We went with a semi-formal feel because this is a really special event. We wanted to dress it up a little," says Lang, adding that there will be a cash bar and door prizes. "It's a thank you from ITR to everyone who has ever contributed. I don't think my parents ever imagined it would go on for 40 years."

Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 per couple.

Email itrtheatrecompany@yahoo.ca for more information. To purchase tickets call 613-860-1291 or visit www.itrtheatrecompany.com



From left to right - Yvette Roberge-Venditti, Garnet Quail, Eve Spraggs, Laura Gonis, Ron Watkins, Meredith Brophy. (From *Boeing Boeing*, staged by ITR in 1991)



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Help by becoming a
patron of ITR.

Buy your tickets now
for our Spring show.
The box office is
open and you can buy
tickets online at
www.itrtheatre.com.

Auditions for Fall 2013 Production

ITR will be holding auditions for *The Murder Room*, written by Jack Sharkey and directed by Gord Hawkes.

Auditions will be held at the ITR Rehearsal Hall, 5488 Osgoode Main Street, on Saturday, June 8th from 1 pm - 4 pm, Sunday, June 9th from 1pm - 4pm and Monday, June 10th from 7pm - 9pm.

The play features 7 characters. There are three female roles (one in her

Also Playing Nearby...

This spring, Kemptville Players Inc presents *Sex Please, We're Sixty*, a fun and flirty comedy for the young at heart, written by Michael Parker and Susan Parker. The Rose Cottage Bed and Breakfast draws repeat business year after year under the care of prim and proper Mrs. Stancliffe. Next door neighbor and silver fox, Bud Davis, seems to be a key attraction for the largely female clientele who find themselves repeatedly drawn to him for romantic trysts - to Mrs. Stancliffe's

Another Sumptuous Dinner Theatre Feast

David Smith is returning for a third time in a row to provide a fabulous dinner theatre buffet.

Included are several salads, roasted chicken, roast beef, salmon in dill sauce, several side dishes and a stunning array of breads and spreads.

About ITR Theatre Company...

ITR is a rural theatre company to provide people in the former Osgoode and Rideau Townships and surrounding areas with an opportunity to indulge their interests in amateur theatre. Our main activities are geared towards a spring and fall production of 2 and 3 act

twenties, one aged thirty to early fifties, and one fifty plus). The four male characters range from early twenties to fifty-something.

Requires exaggerated character acting and rapid-fire delivery of lines. British accents are preferred.

For more information contact Gord Hawkes at 613-701-2955 or gordhawkes@gmail.com. Additional details are on the ITR website.

chagrin, Bud may actually be good for business.

The play runs May 2-4 at 7:30 p.m. and May 5th at 2 p.m. at the North Grenville Municipal Centre, 285 County Road #44. Tickets are \$15 and are available at B&H Community Grocer, Business Strategies, and the North Grenville Municipal Centre or by calling Elaine Groskopf at 613-258-5137. Visit www.kemptonvilleplayers.ca for more information.

Of course the dinner is followed by tea, coffee and a huge dessert table that is sure to have something for everyone.

Dinner theatre is Saturday May 11th and is likely to sell out yet again. Get your tickets while they last.

plays, that are usually comedy, farce or melodrama.

We welcome anyone and everyone who shares our love of theatre, no matter what your interest or level of past experience.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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