



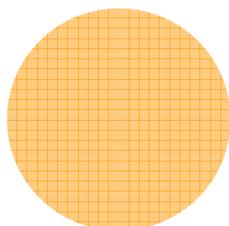
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Special Don't miss items for ITR:

- 2013 AGM moved to June
- New website coming soon this summer.
- Is there a way you can help ITR as a volunteer?



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ITR Listens...

ITR has an ongoing tradition of soliciting feedback from its audiences about our productions: not just about the show itself, but the entire theatre-going experience. We value the feedback we get and we've taken action on several items in the fall of 2011 and spring of 2012:

- Our evening shows now start at 7:30, so our audience still has time to eat dinner beforehand and can get home at a reasonable hour.
- We purchased seat cushions for the hard chairs at the Osgoode Community Centre.
- In choosing our plays, we have been sensitive to comments about avoiding disrespectful language.
- Easier online ticket reservations.

In the near future, we are planning to investigate options for addressing a few



more issues that you have brought to our attention:

- sound from the hockey rink interfering with sound from the stage
- table placement to optimize sight lines
- ability to pay for tickets in advance with your credit card.
- additional patronship levels
- beer pricing

... *Stay Tuned!*

ITR's 2012 fall play and Audition Dates

ITR has chosen a delightful family comedy called *Alone Together Again* as its play for the fall of 2012. A middle-aged couple are looking forward to some well-deserved time for themselves after raising three sons. However, their empty nest soon fills up again with the sudden, unexpected arrival of their parents, each with his or her own foibles and problems to be solved.

PERFORMANCES ARE ON NOVEMBER 15, 16, 17, 24 AND 25 AT THE OSGOODE COMMUNITY CENTRE. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The play will be directed by the mother-daughter team of Paula Maloney, a multi-talented ITR stalwart for many years, and Michelle Stewart, recently graduated from Algonquin College's theatre arts program.

Auditions are June 13 at 7 p.m. and June 17 at 2 p.m. at the ITR Rehearsal Hall, 5488 Main St. Osgoode. Call-backs, if required, will be on June 20 at 7 p.m. Roles include one woman in her 50s, one man in his 50s, two women in their 70s and one man in his early 80s. (Those are stage ages.)E-mail the director for audition details at dabndoodle@sympatico.ca



*Real live jousting
in Osgoode.*

Kingdom of Osgoode Medieval Festival

ITR is involved once again with the Kingdom of Osgoode Medieval Festival this summer.

Traditionally, our theatre group performs an interactive play for children during the weekend and this year, three of our members make up the Royal Family whose evil reign of terror has won them many enemies.

Enjoy professional jousting, dancing, sword play, kids' games, live music, horseshoe competition, vendors, and much more July 6-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. next to Osgoode Market Square 5673 Osgoode Main Street. Admission is \$6 or \$30 for a

family pass (2 adults, 4 children).

Join King Davis the Undefeatable, Queen Andrea, and Princess Vivian at the King's Feast Saturday, July 7, tickets \$35 in advance, \$50 at the door. Learn about Medieval chivalry, armour, music and more during Education Day for children ages 4-16 (Friday, July 6).

For more information visit www.osgoodemedievalfestival.com, call Judy Carey at 513-826-1622, or email info@osgoodemedievalfestival.com.



"ITR is an enjoyable way for students to get the volunteer hours they need."

We Need You... Volunteering for ITR!

As a non-profit community theatre group, ITR's survival is completely dependent on its wonderful volunteers. We need people to work on-stage, back-stage and at the front of house during our productions, and to get involved in a myriad of other ways all year-round. We need board members, committee heads, clean-up crews, newsletter writers, costume designers, make-up artists, builders, lighting and sound gurus, painters, set designers, website geniuses, advertising sales-people, marketers, barkeeps, ticket-takers - the list goes on and on.

If you are a student and need volunteer hours, ITR can provide an enjoyable way to get the hours you need. If you are interested in theatre and want to learn how it works from the inside out, ITR can provide a rich learning experience. If you appreciate the ambiance of Osgoode and its surrounding communities, volunteering for ITR can help to sustain that community feeling!

To find out more about ITR volunteer opportunities and offer your services, please contact our volunteer coordinator: judy.beltzner@gmail.com



Maybe you have some old ITR photos in that album?

Celebrating 40 years - Do you have ITR Memorabilia?

2013 will mark 40 years of ITR and we'd like to celebrate it in part by collecting information about past shows, casts, directors and any other facts, stories or photos about ITR.

As we upgrade our website we will be attempting to get a page for every show

ITR has performed. We'd like to get names and photos wherever possible.

Let us know if you can help, contact itrtheatrecompany@yahoo.ca to let us know what memorabilia or interesting stories you can share.



Spring 2012 Dinner Theatre is a Tasty Success

The audience for our dinner theatre show on May 5 could hardly believe their eyes when they saw the feast that renowned local caterer David Smith had prepared for them! Smith, who lives in Greely, has catered for many local businesses and families as well as 5-star celebrity events. He provided ITR with a delicious gourmet feast of overwhelming quantity and quality. It was truly a treat for the eyes as well as the stomach! The menu included:

- Pear Pecan Baby Spinach Salad With Maple Dijon
- Caesar Salad With Croutons & Garlic Aioli
- Mediterranean Pesto Pasta Salad
- Up Beat Garden Salad With Two Dressings
- Asian Noodle Salad In A Thai Dressing

- Creamy Coleslaw Salad
- Poached Decorated Atlantic Salmon Garnished With Fruits & Vegetables & a Tangy Dill Sauce
- Mediterranean Roasted Chicken
- Roast Beef with Horseradish & Dijon
- Roasted Potato Wedges with Olive Oil & Fresh Oregano
- Caramelized Roasted Carrots
- Vegetable Wild Rice Pilaff
- ***A Massive Desert Table***

If you missed the feast this spring, don't despair: David has agreed to provide us with the same incredible menu for our upcoming fall production. The dinner theatre show will be on November 24, 2012, so make sure to reserve early!!!



Local caterer David Smith will be returning for the fall 2012 dinner theatre.

Remembering George Alexander Anderson January 30, 1936 - June 2, 2012

This month we celebrate the life of theatre stalwart, George Anderson (stage name Mark Anderson), who passed away at the Kemptville District Memorial Hospital after a year-long battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

George spent his life dedicated to the arts and had strong ties to Orpheus, The Ottawa Little Theatre, and Kemptville Players Inc. as well as a 30 year career with the National Arts Centre.

Throughout his life, George acted, directed, wrote, and sang in countless theatrical productions and will be remembered by many as an excellent mentor, colleague and friend, who made an impact on people in every production he touched. His contribution to the theatre is enormous and his no-

nonsense and professional approach earned him respect and new friendships right up until the day he died.

George never had the chance to direct his last project for KPI, *Lafferty's Wake*, due to his illness but he will be fondly remembered for his work on many local shows, including his directorial swan song, the wildly successful *Jenny's House of Joy*.

He is predeceased by his parents John and Phyllis Anderson, sister Ann Robinson, an infant brother, Robert. He is survived by his sister Beverley (late Harold) Kettles and several nieces and nephews, his roommate J.P., his loving dog, Jake, and many, many friends. A graveside service was held at Ramsayville Cemetery on Friday, June 8.



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Thanks to our Amazing Sponsors

ITR was fortunate to benefit from some very generous sponsors during our recent, highly successful production of "Don't Tell Mother".

We would like to express our gratitude to Scott Mulligan of the Red Dot Café for sponsoring our bookmarks and posters; to Joanne Plummer of Mill St. Florists in Manotick for donating exquisite flower arrangements to grace our tables; to Andy Duff of Osgoode

Foodland and to Ray and Kim Faith of Winchester and Osgoode Electric for donating delicious cookies for our matinée teas; and to Broadhead Beer for setting up a free beer-tasting event at our opening night show.

Your generosity and support make it possible for us to keep our ticket prices affordable and still put on a professional-quality performance.



The cast of ITR's successful Spring 2012 play "Don't Tell Mother".

ITR Does Kiwanis Murder Mystery Dinner

On July 3, ITR is staging a murder mystery performance for members of the Manotick Kiwanis Club. This is a first for ITR, and signals a new trend of community outreach as well as a first - but not last - venture into previously untried theatrical waters!

ITR hopes to be involved in more events for community groups and private functions.

If you have an upcoming event where you think ITR could be involved, just drop us an e-mail.

Help ITR Clean Up Its Act!!!

September 8-9th

Weekend work bee to get ITR's Osgoode Main Street rehearsal hall in shape.

We need people for:

- cleaning
- organizing props
- organizing costumes
- painting
- building shelves
- outside Maintenance

There will be BBQ and refreshments for all our helping hands.

Please RSVP with information on when and how you can help (613) 860-1291 or e-mail: itrtheatrecompany@yahoo.com

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

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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