

Gateway Players Theatre,
Inc.
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YOUTH WORKSHOPS-- there is still time to join

YOUTH THEATER PERFORMANCE aka

"8 Days to Curtain" OR "on the 8th day we created a fabulous show!"

In March and April we held workshops for youths interested in writing or directing their own show. Now we are ready to put their talents to work, writing and/or directing a show written in 2 days! Of course each show needs actors so we will be holding auditions on May 17th and the writer and director will choose their cast. Sounds like fun?! SIGN UP AT <https://tinyurl.com/yc572w77>

Based on the number of interested writers, we will know how many shows will be performed. The theme for all shows will be announced at the auditions. Each show will be between 10 to 15 minutes in length. The audition, rehearsal, and production schedule for the performances will go like this:

Day 1: Friday, May 17th 6-8pm – auditions for short shows to be written by our writers. This evening all those interested in acting in one of our youth-written shows will audition in front of the writers and directors. After the auditions, the writers and directors along with their adult mentor will choose who they would like to use in their individual productions.

Days 2 & 3: Saturday (May 18th) to Sunday (May 19th) – writers will have these 2 days to write their show and review it with their adult mentor. The Writer and Director and their show mentor will have Monday and Tuesday (Days 4-5) to decide how they want to block their show and any props needed.

Day 6: Wednesday, May 22nd 6-8pm – This evening each show's Director and Writer will be given a rehearsal time, approximately 45 minutes, to work with their actors.

Days 7: Thursday, May 23rd 6-8pm– additional rehearsals times will be scheduled as needed.

Day 8: Friday, May 24th 7pm – Performance night! All short plays will be performed for our audience. Please come out to support our creative and talented youth!

For further information contact Lou-Ellen Corkum at lcorkum14@gmail.com

Kids- come to auditions Friday, May 17, 6-8pm.
All ages-
come to performance Friday, May 24, 7pm.

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GATEWAY PLAYERS THEATRE, INC. HISTORY

If you would like to see a listing of ALL the shows Gateway has performed since 1975- just go to website, gatewayplayers.org under Past Seasons. You will even find photos from many of the shows. When Gateway started in 1975, we used borrowed rehearsal and storage space, and performed at Southbridge HS on Cole Ave. In 1978 we moved into the Arts Barn at 111 Main St, on the property donated by Ruth Wells (of American Optical

Company family). We were there for decades, until the Barn needed more repairs than were affordable. For the past few years, we have used space in Fellowship Hall of Elm St. for rehearsals, performances and storage, for which we are very grateful.



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